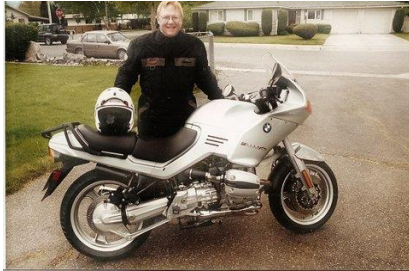


# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



After the last President's Corner, I wrote about how the smoke was affecting our riding so much. Then it turned into great riding weather. So now, I am hesitant to talk about how great the riding weather has been...a sure chance to jinx that into cold and rainy weather.

It has been a good summer to ride overall. Thanks to those of you who have donated their time, effort and writing skills to give us something other than the same ole, same ole for our newsletter. It's always an education to see how the riding experience unfolds for others. There are lots of similarities to most of our individual riding experiences, but then, there are a lot differences; differences in experiences and differences in how others see the world from two wheels. It's always fun to compare.

Ok, September was good.

We rode to the Kwa Taq Nuk in Polson for the September meeting. Again the weather was good and the turnout was too. About 15 riders showed up from across the state. After our meeting at Kwa Taq Nuk, I was reading an article by moto journalist Peter Egan. In that article he had decided naming months for our seasonal moons, as the Native Americans did, was a more appropriate way to go; for example, ...July is the Moon of the Greasy Tar Snakes, August the Moon of the Mesh Jacket. September Egan calls the Moon of the Adult Vacation or simply The Best Moon, which this year, I hardily agree with.

**BMW Motorcycle Club**  
**Montana BMW Riders**



### CLUB CHARTER MEMBERSHIPS

**BMWMOA #155**

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It seems we are getting some pretty consistent riders at our monthly meetings from the Bozone (Bozeman, for those of you in Rio Linda). We may have to have a ride or two in that direction next year. I would sure would like to hear from you, the membership,

### NEXT MEETING

**OCTOBER 18**

**OVANDO**

**TRIXIES ANTLER SALOON**

**TIME: 1:00 PM**

about places to which you have enjoyed riding. Tell us your favorite places, close or far, because the food or pie was worth the ride. Past President, Kim Lemke, forwarded me the 'best of' list from a recent PBS TV program "The best pie places in the US". One 'piery' from Montana made the list. It's in Whitefish, Loula's. So next year we'll have to check it out, with a meeting or ride there. We'll be choosing those meeting places for next year's rides soon. Please let us know which ones you want us to keep for sure. Thanks.

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Those attending the September meeting at Kwa Taq Nuk were: from the Flathead, new member Hank Fisher - GS1200, from Rollins, Doug Byrne - R1100GS, Kalispell. From Arlee, Don Duel - Honda Goldwing. From Helena, Kevin Huddy - Yamaha FJR, Secretary/Treasurer Annie Huddy - F800GS, and Don Hurd - S1000RR. From Bozeman, Mike Kreikemeier - K1200RS. From Florence, Terry Kay - R1200GSA. From Missoula, David Gordon - K1200LT, Brad & Debbie Wonnacott - Kawasaki Vulcan, John Torma - K1200LT, Greg Hintz - Honda Gold Wing, and Chuck Reaves - R1100RS.

So what have we got going for October? (Egan's, The Moon of the Slippery Wet Leaves). The meeting this month is Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup> at Trixie's Antler Saloon in Ovando. And, it's the end of the mileage contest. Make sure you get your year-end miles in to Larry Banister. I think final results this year will be 'interesting'.

Also, since two of our club officers are retiring, we decided this would be a good time to hold an election. The process will go forward with the club taking nominations from club members in October. That slate will be put on a ballot on the web site in November and members will have till December 1<sup>st</sup> to vote. We'll announce the winners at the Christmas party Saturday night, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at Big Sky Motorsports. Club officers don't have to be qualified at anything other than knowing how to communicate. They don't have to ride a BMW. Whatever skills needed, we can help you with. The main qualification is folks running should have a willingness to put in a little time to help make this a better club. So, if you are interested, or know someone you think would be good for a certain position, whether it be President, Vice President, or Secretary-Treasurer, please

send your nominations to yours truly...Chuck Reaves at [reavesmt@msn.com](mailto:reavesmt@msn.com) Thanks.

Hope to see you at Trixie's on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Bring a friend.

Till then, Happy Trails!!

Chuck



## Larry's Corner (Safety & Mileage)

*Ok folks, for this month we have a "two fers" ...First the **mileage contest** will be coming to a close next month. Be looking for the official mileage contest closing form in the BMWMOA magazine, or if you don't get it or aren't entered in the "official MOA" contest, send me your ending mileage info via mail or email. Remember, the closing date of this year's event is **October 11<sup>th</sup>**. If you're mailing your info to me, my address is 102 Ironwood Place, Missoula, MT 59803. My email address is [beemermt@msn.com](mailto:beemermt@msn.com). Looking forward to getting your year's totals this month. Remember, **the cut off for getting your info to me is October 30<sup>th</sup>**. If I don't have it by then, you won't be eligible for the incredible prizes to be given away at this year's Christmas party.*

*Second, a note from your mother! Last time I wrote, we were transitioning between hot and smoky to cold and rainy, both poor combinations for riding! However last weekend and this week are turning out to be the typical fall great days... cool mornings, great sunny days... not too hot and not too cold...my favorite combination. The weather allows us to wear all the right gear and be comfortable. A reminder is in order however, as you're blazing down the highway in the next two weeks, trying to accumulate the final "official riding miles", be aware of some*

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*special road hazards that come with this time of the year: 1) leaves on the roadway; 2) frost in the shaded corners; and 3) late rising of the sun and early setting making long shadows which can hide #1 & 2! Both leaves and frost can GREATLY reduce traction. This along with not being able to see into shaded corners can really wreck your day (no pun intended!). So...enjoy these last great days of riding, but SLOW DOWN and pay greater attention as you blast up into a shaded corner with the sun directly in your eyes.*

*Looking forward to hearing from "all, you all". Please get your final entries in from your desk/computer and not from the hospital!*

*Ride safe(ly)...*

**Larry Bannister**

**Mileage Coordinator, Safety Dude....**

**Montana BMW Riders**



## **Elections**

No one gets up in the morning and while stretching says, "I think I'd like to volunteer somewhere". Most of us sat in the back row in school (except for my wife) and we hoped not to be called on. When it comes to club volunteering, the same impulse applies. But, we all know that a club is only as good as its volunteers and their willingness to take on 90% of the work while the other 10% is given by folks who either got dragged into volunteering for an event or decided it was a one shot deal and there was no commitment beyond that.

The Montana BMW Riders has been around for over 25 years and has maintained a high level of volunteerism and consistency. It's time to find some new folks willing to take over a few key slots. Some of our current volunteers find they can't do the work any longer. We respect and honor their commitment to the club and hope that their fellowship with the members will continue as time permits.

There are a number of key positions open now to nominations. You may nominate yourself or be nominated. Nominations should go to Chuck Reaves no later than October 31<sup>st</sup>. The slate will be presented in the November newsletter and you may vote \*(paid members only) by e-mail or snail mail to Annie Huddy who will tally the votes. In the December newsletter we will announce the final winners/volunteers.

Officer Positions have voting rights on the majority of the club decisions as stipulated in the club by-laws.

### **OPEN OFFICER OPENINGS:**

PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

VICE PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

SECRETARY/TREASURER \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Officer Positions are purely volunteer and carry no voting rights. However, they are influential in helping club officers determine long and short term goals; reviewing expenditures and budget decisions; and representing the membership with the executive team.

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## NON-OFFICER POSITIONS:

NEWSLETTER EDITOR \_\_\_\_\_

FACEBOOK PAGE MANAGER \_\_\_\_\_

WEB MANAGER \_\_\_\_\_

All the folks currently in those positions have been there for some time and will be available to new folks for a transition period. Also, almost every long term member has at one time or another volunteered and will gladly help "newbies" learn the ropes. The hardest part of the job is organizing one's calendar to try to show up at every club ride (oh, darn). The folks in the current "non-officer" positions are committed to them for the time being but wouldn't mind having someone "shadow them" or offer to help out.

Lastly, no one gets paid in any of these positions!



## LOGO

By Dave McCormack

You may have noticed the new club logo on page 1 of this issue. It was a logo designed and produced by Terry Kay about a year ago.

It was a logo that BMW required in order to use the "bug" emblem. We had a banner for that design made up for meetings and about 100 police grade reflective stickers to give out to new members. We didn't even think of including it in the newsletter until a discussion not too long ago about whether we're an exclusive or inclusive motorcycle riding club. It turns out that we've been associated with the BMW marque from the very beginning and we have continued that tradition going forward. We're an inclusive club with a serious lean towards the BMW brand. Membership is predicated on your having \$15 a year and hopefully a motorcycle endorsement, so it doesn't matter what you ride as long as you ride.



## Follow Along

(Ed. Note: This edited copy is from an article that our intrepid Marg Lang wrote about her travels in August this year. As one of the top female long distance riders, we thought you might enjoy following along her most recent trip as lifted from her article):

*"I started out on July 9 (Thursday) heading for the BMW Lunatic Fringe Rally at the Beaupre Community Hall west of Cochrane (a little north of her home in Calgary, Alberta) ...I always marvel at the many miles we travel and there everyone is and we are together for awhile ...We had a great time over the weekend but only 40 attended...I left there Sunday morning headed up the Icefields Parkway. I stopped at the Saskatchewan River Crossing and had a \$20.00 hamburger???...I got a room in Grand Prairie and stopped in the next morning to visit Fleet Brake. Met some of the ones I had only spoken to in the past. I left there and headed for Dawson Creek. Stopped at a tourist information (center) and then the Mile 0 campground where the rally was to*



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*be. I discovered the Mile 1 Café in the Pioneer Village and ate lunch there and met the great people trying to make a go of it. Because of the visiting I did not get far the first day. Charlie Lake just north of Fort St. John was my first campsite. The next day I went to Liard Hot Springs. I camped there and took a dip the lovely pool. The next day I went through Watson Lake, Yukon and headed south on the Cassiar Highway going to Stewart but I ended up staying in a camp at Meziadin Junction, 68 km's shy of Stewart, but I was looking into the sun and it was getting late. Lots of bears in the area so I did not want to camp. I was there (at Hyder, Alaska) at 9am and could not get Hyderized till 11am... Headed out to Prince George and Dawson Creek. I arrived Friday for the rally and it did not start until Monday but much to my delight a lot of people arrived early as well. We had 83 at the rally. We took a ride to Tumbler Ridge on Monday and saw a moose and her twins down in the ditch. I packed up and left early Tuesday morning and after riding through a hailstorm by Didsbury, arrived home and slept in my own bed, getting up early the next day and riding all the way to the BMW National Rally in Billings, Montana. Got in late and was greeted by no less than 10 friends before I had my tent up. This was a great rally also with 5,872 in attendance. Lots of seminars, lots of lines for food, etc. Not all bad as I met many great people in line. Then after all was done I headed home via Cody, Wyoming and the Chief Joseph Highway. Whoops, that's the wrong way. Wanted to do the Chief Joseph and was sooo close. I also wanted to go to the Irma Hotel for dinner. The food was delicious and what a neat old place. Irma was one of Buffalo Bill Cody's daughters. On the way home I took a road off I 90...278 which comes out in Helena. On the corner I went*

*into Wheat Montana and met the loveliest couple who own a ranch in Harrison, Montana and they want me to come and visit. Not only that but that road runs up the valley between 2 mountain ranges and there are wheat fields as far as the eye can see. On arriving home I decide that because nothing was planned we would ride to Drumheller, Wayne and finish up in Strathmore...*

*(Ed. Note: get out your maps and calendars and follow Marg as she nearly full time spends her days in the saddle. Our apologies to Marg for the heavily edited travelogue).*



*Here's Marg along with Chris Keyes at another BMW rally, the Central Cal BMW Riders' Beemer bash.*



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### 2015 MT BMW Riders Calendar

January 18th	Seeley Lake - Double Arrow Lodge
February 15th	Avon - Avon Cafe
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Fairmont-Fairmont Hot Springs
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Lincoln - Lambkins
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Philipsburg - Sunshine Station
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Big Fork - Echo Lake Cafe
July 23-26	MOA Rally in Billings (Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> - Breakfast ride to Ft. Rockvale Café from the rally)
August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Wisdom - The Crossings Restaurant
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	Polson - Kwa Taq Nuk
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ovando - Trixies
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	Drummond - Wagon Wheel
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party at Big Sky Motorsports

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