

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

November 2013

Hey what a turnout at the annual October ride to Trixie's. I'm so sorry to have missed it. You all took the motorcycles by the handlebars and made it happen. Way to go!! 25 made it and that has to be a record turnout going back two years! I certainly hope to see your participation in a number of things I'm laying on you in this issue. Hope you'll be as enthusiastic for next year's events as the turnout in October @ Ovando.



Number 1...time to start planning for next year. I need your input on places to ride. A place you know the food & service are good. Maybe it's a unique location or has possibilities for meshing w/ a museum, a tour, historical site, or a campout. Maybe it's the natural beauty that surrounds the place or the curvaceous roads you ride to get there. But we probably don't want it too far off the grid. If you have a place in mind please let me know by the first of December.

Number 2...time for elections. We need you to put in names for club officers; President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. If you give us some nominations in November we'll put those in the December newsletter with a ballot which you can mark your X and send back. Don't be bashful to nominate yourself if you are interested in helping the club.

Number 3...we have agreed to amend the club bylaws. Myself and some past presidents have gone over the originals and come up with changes to bring the bylaws up to speed for certain situations, like club elections, that need simplifying/clarifying. See the attached in the newsletter.

Number 4...looking for ideas for talks, seminars and get-togethers over the upcoming Long Winters Nights. Whether you have an idea for one or are willing to do one, I'd love to hear from you.

MOA # 155
RA # 072
AMA #6830

We're already planning some 'extras' other than the monthly rides for 2014. Other than the Long Winters Nights some of these would be a road trip to the Motorcycle Show in Seattle. Rumor has it that the show was moved to February on Valentine's Day from its normal time, when it was put on in December. So start saving up those shekels for food, farkles & frivolity. There will be a weekend ride to Canada on a non-meeting week-

NEXT MEETING

**17 November Drummond...
The Wagon Wheel**

**1:00 PM
(really)**

end. Maybe to British Columbia...Ainsworth Hot Springs in July? So get yourself passport ready. Also we'll do another GS ride/campout to the Big Hole in conjunction with the regular August weekend club ride to Wisdom.

I'd like to thank Secretary/Treasurer Dave McCormack for overseeing the Fall Colors Ride and the club meeting in Ovando. Also like to thank Jim Iverson for hosting the bonfire and desert potluck at his house earlier in October. Thanks also to club officers and those that put together all the things we did in 2013. Tina Schmaus, VP, for all her efforts, Larry Banister for running the Mileage Contest, Terry Kay for organizing our Big Hole GS ride, Mike Wright for running, organizing the website and helping pull us into the 21st century. And Dave McCormack for taking over the huge job of Secretary/Treasurer mid-stream and making it work so well. And to Ken Taylor, who has I think has the hardest job, putting the newsletter together each month and doing a darn good job! Thanks to Nate Bertland for all his support and willingness over the year to let us use his facility for our Christmas party, & our Long Winter Night's gatherings. Also thanks to Andy Main for his tech sessions during the winter when our two wheelers are garage bound.

Alright...here are those record-setters attending the October club meeting at Trixie's Antler Bar: From Helena:

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John Beyrau R80GS, Ken Conrad NT700 Honda, Steve Moore R1200RT, Kevin Huddy Yamaha FJR, Annie Huddy F650GS, Bob Rennick K1200S. From Hamilton: Marrea Mathews F650GS. From Victor: Dave McCormack Yamaha Super Tenere. From Missoula: Jerry Abbott Suzuki Bergman, Chris Keyes R1100RT-P, John Torma K1200LT, Carol Graham F650GS, Gary Graham F650GS, David & Kristy Gordon K1200LT, Chuck Bloom R1200GS, Kim Lemke K100RS, Larry Banister K1200GT. From Arlee: Adam Jurgens R1100RT. From Somers: Terry Logan R1200GS.

From Bigfork: Gordon Phillips R1200RT, Wade Allred K1600GT. From Ferndale: Dave Amnotte F650GS.

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Club Dues: \$15 (includes newsletter)

Monthly meeting, third Sunday of each month, 1 p.m., unless specified otherwise.

Locations announced in newsletter.

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emailed text copy is preferred, Photos as attachments.

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

Upcoming dates to get on the schedule: November's club ride will be to Drummond (cross your fingers on the weather) November 17th at The Wagon Wheel Café. Time 1:00 PM. The Christmas Party will be held at Big Sky BMW in Missoula. Date is December 7th. Start time is 5:30pm. Dinner will start around 6:00-6:15 pm. This will again be a potluck with the club providing the entrée of chicken, drinks, and dinnerware. Just bring a serving spoon w/ your contribution. Folks w/ names A-L bring a side dish and M-Z bring a desert.

We'll again do gifts...limit \$10.00. You must bring a gift to receive one. Also we'll have some giveaways to members at large. Larry Banister, our fearless Mileage Coordinator, will have some nice gifts to give out for the mileage contest. During the Christmas party, Big Sky BMW owner Nate Bertland usually has the store open downstairs (manned by our favorite...Dean Thompson) offering some specials for us motorcyclists.

Whether our November club ride to Drummond, the Christmas party December 7th, or in the New Year; I hope for your participation and look forward to seeing you all. Remember to invite a friend.

Happy Trails!!

Chuck



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time. Why not charge an extra fee if someone wants to have the newsletter mailed?"

"Great idea", we said.

So, send in your \$15 for the 2014 membership year. Or send in \$20 if you want your newsletter mailed (black & white only) too.

Send to:

Dave McCormack, Secretary/Treasurer, P.O. Box 1353, Victor, Montana 59875. Cash is acceptable at meetings but a check is preferred, made out to **Montana BMW Riders**. We're not snazzy enough for credit cards yet. Sorry.

Please be sure you've paid your dues by January 31st, so your vote counts in the election of officers.

2014 MEMBERSHIP DUES

By Dave McCormack

Awhile back, some of us were sitting around a beat up loaned table talking about the amount of dues we extract once a year from each of you for the privilege of sporting a Montana BMW Riders sticker or T-shirt. There was a complaint that maybe we're charging too much for a newsletter that gets e-mailed to most everyone.

Well folks, that brought a few of us out of our chairs to take on the whiner..."Look!", we said, "Not only do we publish a newsletter every month (at least 5 people spend their volunteer time putting it together), but we also pay for membership in three national BMW organizations. We also pay for the monthly prizes at the gatherings; pay for the website and its maintenance; pay for camp out and party foods and accoutrements; pay for expenses related to maintaining our bank accounts; pay for tax exempt status and related taxes; and pay for office supplies, like stamps, paper, and copying, and sometimes cover a bill that one of you didn't pay at a restaurant. But even more important is the time that at least 5 volunteers put in every month to ensure that the club remains vital and interesting for our over 100 members, scattered from Missoula to parts east, south and north. Additionally, other club newsletters throughout the Northwest are as much or more than our membership fee; most \$29 or \$30- annually."

So the 'whiner' sat back and said, "Well, I'm okay with the \$15 but why not charge folks for the real expense for the 'snail mail' charge? 12 issues mailed is over \$ 5 in stamps alone without regard to paper, envelopes and copy



2013 MILEAGE CONTEST COMING TO A CLOSE
NO !! REALLY !!

Mileage Junkies: After my last newsletter article and my persuasive presentation at our last meeting in Ovando, I've heard from 10 of us who started the mileage contest this year. That leaves 9 who started the 2013 contest who haven't turned in their ending mileage statement.

Even though the "official cut-off" was 10/31, if I can hear from anyone this coming week (NLT 11/08), I'll get you on the record. Those who started that I've not heard from are: Jerry Abbott, Randy Carpenter, Russell Dahl, Don Davis, Marrea Matthews, Mike and Donna McInerney, Mike Meredith and Terry Sullivan.

Rumor has it the "prizes" this year may be a cut above last years (which were pretty ok!). So, I'm looking forward to hearing from those of you that haven't submitted your ending mileage. Send me your final number: beemermt@msn.com or to 102 Ironwood Place, Missoula, MT 59803.

Thanks for letting me do the records again this year. I look forward to announcing the results and seeing everyone at our Christmas party on December 7th!

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Larry Banister Mileage Coordinator



2013 RIDES

17 NOVEMBER DRUMMOND...THE WAGON WHEEL

7 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY
@ BIG SKY BMW MISSOULA

Tips For Winterizing Your Motorcycle

Posted on November 6, 2013 by TwistedThrottle.com

For some motorcycle riders, the two-wheeling season never ends. But, most of us above the Mason-Dixon Line must put our machines into hibernation for at least a short while before the roads become motorcycle friendly again.

Let's talk about the key areas that need attention before and during winter storage.

Battery

Your battery, as you know, is a vital part of a motorcycle and we quickly become aware of it when it's not functioning properly. Proper maintenance and storage will help you get the longest possible service life from this critical and costly part of your bike. Here are some pointers:

Check battery fluid level. This step only applies if you have a lead acid battery that has the screw on type caps on the top. Low battery acid causes sulfation that can

lead to a short between the internal plates. This is a common failure for this type of battery and is due to neglect. It never gets checked until there's a problem and by that time it's usually too late to restore a battery from this type of failure. Replacement is unavoidable.

Maintenance-free batteries are not exactly as the name suggests. While the fluid level of this battery cannot be adjusted because it is sealed, these batteries will still require upkeep in the off season.

Warm storage and periodic charging will provide you with the longest service life from your motorcycle battery. Products such as the Oxford Maximiser battery maintenance system will keep your battery as fresh as possible when not in use.

Fuel system

I'm sure you've all heard (or have experienced it yourself) the horror stories of very pricey carburetor or injector services that were required due to fuel sitting in a motorcycle for too long. Since the introduction of Ethanol into today's fuels storage has become an issue whether it be your motorcycle or your snow blower. Ethanol is much more hygroscopic than regular gasoline. This holding of dissolved or suspended water can lead to component corrosion, gum, varnish and carbon deposits that cause havoc in both carbureted and fuel injected systems.

The best way to avoid this is to fill your tank and treat your fuel and fuel system with an additive that is specifically designed to solve the problems created by Ethanol fuels. Star Tron by StarBrite and Sta-Bil Ethanol treatment are both proven products that will help you avoid fuel system problems while your motorcycle is taking its winter nap. If you don't already use one of these products on a regular basis then be sure to take the bike for a short ride to get the treatment completely into the fuel system before storing it.

Special consideration needs to be taken with carbureted motorcycles even if the fuel is properly treated. Carburetors are vented directly to the atmosphere which means that the fuel left in them will evaporate leaving behind a thin film that will restrict fuel flow through the small jets and other fuel passages. Furthermore, most carburetor needle valves are rubber tipped and if the carburetors are drained for storage these tips may become dried out, brittle and leak when new fuel is introduced when the bike is removed from storage in the spring. This can be avoided by starting the bike every 3-4 weeks. Allow the engine to reach operating temperature before turning it off. Let it cool then return it to storage.

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Engine oil

Most riders are not aware that the motor oil in their engine not only lubricates but also aids in the filtration system by holding small particles in suspension until they reach the filter where most of them will become trapped and removed from circulation. A major deposit that ends up suspended in your motor oil is carbon. Carbon is created in the combustion chamber and is pushed past the piston rings every time a cylinder is fired. When a motorcycle is stored with used motor oil the carbon will slowly separate and rise to the surface. This deposit is extremely corrosive and will cause etching to bare metal such as transmission gears and bearings.

Engine oil and filter should be replaced BEFORE winter storage to remove dirty oil and harmful carbon deposits suspended within it. Motorex, Maxima and K&N all offer top quality products to help keep the inside of your engine clean during the off season.

Chain

Clean, adjust and lubricate your chain to prevent rust and premature wear. A good spray with WD-40 will get the accumulated chain lube off. The follow with a good quality chain wax or lubricant. It's best to clean and lube your chain right after a ride when the chain is warm.

Tires

Ever had a thought about your tires during winter storage? Tires are actually porous and will lose air while in storage. A soft or flat tire will develop a flat spot if left in one position for an extended period of time. Prevent this by storing your motorcycle on its center stand (if it has one) or paddock stands. If neither one of these are an option then you may choose to slightly over inflate the tires and move the bike from time to time so the tire is not in the same position for months on end.

Clean your Baby

Be sure to give your motorcycle a good cleaning before storing it to prevent corrosion. Before you put it away dry it fully using a clean rag. Use compressed air or a hair drier for the places you can't easily get to.

Put a coat of wax on it and bluff it out. Now you're ready to put your pride and joy under cover. Covers provide a measure of dust protection when the bike is stored inside. If you must keep your motorcycle outside, then you'll need a quality motorcycle cover,

Be sure to do all you can to keep mice away from your bike. Mice seem to love airboxes and underseat areas. Placing some moth balls in those areas can help keep them away. Just be sure to remove them before you start the bike in the Spring.

*Official Club Business !!
Please Read Carefully!!*

Bylaw amendments – Montana BMW Riders

10-2013

Article 1 – Montana BMW Riders is a Montana Non-Profit Corporation which is referred to in these bylaws as ‘the club’.

Article 2 - We are organized to promote interest in ownership, riding and safety for people who enjoy BMW motorcycles and others. At all times, it shall be the club objective to promote a better image of motorcyclists, engage in activities that demonstrate this objective, have fun, and ride-ride-ride!

Article 3 - The club is chartered with BMW-MOA Inc. We are also affiliated by membership in BMW-RA and the AMA. Membership in these organizations is strongly urged and highly recommended.

Article 4 – Membership dues for Montana BMW Riders shall be due January 1 of the membership year. The duly elected officers, which shall also be the board of directors of the club, may change those membership dues to be effective January 1st of the next membership year.

Article 5 – Each member of the club who has paid dues shall be entitled to one vote. The board of directors may permit couples to join for the payment of the single membership dues but the couple shall only be entitled to one vote. **If dues for the membership year are not paid by January 31st of that year, the member shall not be entitled to vote that year.** In any event, a person must be a member for at least six consecutive months to be qualified to vote.

Article 6 – Club meetings will be held on the third Sunday of each month at a time and place to be announced in advance by the President. The annu-

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al business meeting of the club will be on the third Sunday of February. Membership action can be taken by a majority of the members present at the annual business meeting.

Article 7 – The club officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer. The President shall preside over the meetings and handle the daily operations of the club. The Vice-President shall, in the absence or incapacity of the President, substitute for the President. The Secretary \Treasurer shall keep the minutes, membership records and financial records of the club and prepare any necessary reports to governmental entities. Secretary/Treasurer is responsible to provide a quarterly financial report to the President (based on calendar year). There will be an annual financial report to members at the annual meeting. All officers shall be elected for one year terms which shall be automatically renewed unless that officer shall resign, be removed or become incapacitated. Any election to fill officer vacancies shall be at the annual business meeting in February. If a vacancy occurs during the membership year, the board shall appoint a temporary replacement to serve until the next annual business meeting. The officers shall also constitute the board of directors.

Article 8 – None of the officers/directors shall receive any compensation nor shall any of the funds of the club be personally used by any officer or member.

Article 9 – In the event of dissolution of the club, all remaining funds of the club will be donated to a charity to be determined by a majority of the members present at the annual business meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose.

Article 10 – These bylaws may be changed by a majority vote of the members in attendance at the annual business meeting. See article 5 for voting.

Note: “these amended bylaws will be put on the ballot to be voted along with the club officers in the December newsletter”.

BMW R7 — Prototype



<http://www.retrothing.com/2009/08/the-art-deco-bmw-motorcycle-that-time-forgot.html>



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