

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



First, I apologize for my absence at the past two meetings. I thank VP Terry Kay, Secretary/Treasurer Annie Huddy and Newsletter Editor Dave McCormack for standing in. Life this year seems to keep getting in the way of my riding. Some years are just like that, but my mileage for the mileage contest seems almost embarrassing to publish. Our mileage coordinator, Larry Banister, though is not letting me off the hook.

Two weeks ago on cold morning but warm day I did find time to take out the RS for a quick run to the Lochsa w/ a few of you. The ride and warmer afternoon temps gave me the chance to do the 'year-end' oil change, to get the bike ready for winter. But the hope was that there would be some more days to get the RS out *one last time*. And though the RS stayed aimed towards the street, with this past weekend's errant forecast bringing cold, wind & rain instead of forecasted sunshine, the RS was rolled into the garage and on went the winter cover. Luckily with the advent of all the modern oils, gas additives and trickle chargers the bike can be ready at a minutes notice. See the bike winterization article further on in this newsletter.

So now we spend the next few months remembering the past year, planning for the next year, having a few winter get-togethers including some ride travelogues, a tech session or two, and maybe even few Saturday breakfasts. And.....hope that the weather for our last club ride of 2014, to Drummond on November 16th, will be a good day, a reasonably warm day, a day w/ sunshine and no snow (along w/ the partridge in the pear tree). And hopefully the turnout will be as good as October's ride to Trixie's.

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RA # 072
AMA # 6830

What a turnout! Those exemplary riders attending the October meeting at Trixies were: From Arlee...Adam Jurgens R1100RT; from Helena...John Beyrau R60/2, Gene Balcerzak Honda, Kevin Huddy

NEXT MEETING

November 16th

Drummond

Wagon Wheel Cafe

Time: 1:00 PM

R1200R, Secretary/Treasurer Annie Huddy F650GS, Steve Moore R1200RT, Past President Ken Conrad Honda NT 700, Dick Field K1200LT, Ed Field K1200RS, from Kalispell...Doug Byrne R1100GS and Billy Earl Harley Davidson, from Polson...Newsletter Editor Dave McCormack Can Am Spyder, from Victor...Vice President Terry Kay K1600GT, from Florence...David Gordon K12000LT; Jim Iverson Honda ST1100; Brian Blevins Triumph Trophy, Jim Krausch, Triumph Trophy; Terry Pohland, Harley Davidson, Rick Kuschel K1200RS; all from Missoula, and last but not least new member, John Stoianoff R100RT from Dayton.



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So in anticipation of next year's ride schedule, which will be published in December, I ask you that if you have a ride or event you'd like included in next year's schedule, to contact me with that soon.

With that request and since our esteemes newsletter editor has a lot packed into this issue, I'll say adios, and hope to see you in Drummond at the "Wagon Wheel" on November 16th.

Happy Trails!!
Chuck Reaves

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Secretary/Treasurer's Corner



It is Saturday, 1 November, and I see there is a winter storm warning posted....

We have just returned from a beautiful though nippy ride from Helena over to Gold Creek. A friend and current member of MT BMW Riders discovered The Dinnerbell a few weeks ago in Gold Creek and felt he HAD to return for the molasses cookies. Since we will ride anywhere for food we joined him.

Lucky us to arrive on their anniversary and open house with free samples! The donuts alone were worth the 55 miles, the deli sandwiches were piled high with fresh sliced meats and cheeses, all on home baked bread. YUM!! The molasses cookies were purchased along with homemade bread and butter pickles, Jalapeno pickled eggs, and a jar of sweet hot pickle relish--which will be just perfect on elk burgers later this week.

Now that your stomach is growling and I have your attention, it is also time to remind everyone that another year is rolling around and dues are in need of collecting. Feel free to bring your checkbooks or cash to the next meeting in Drummond on Nov 16 or to the Christmas party 6 December at Big Sky BMW in Missoula. You really do NOT want to miss the schedule for rides (and eats) next year! The dues are still \$15.00 for the entire year.

Please note that The Dinnerbell also does a fried chicken supper on Thursday night, but you need to call early in the week to secure a seat. They are not open on Sundays, but we are seriously going to try and persuade the Board of Directors to consider a Saturday meeting sometime next year. In the meantime, if you are near Gold Creek, pick me up some donuts!

Annie Huddy

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Fall Colors Ride

October 4, 2014

By David Gordon

With the weather just about perfect, five of us met at the Bonner Town Pump to embark on the ride to Lincoln. Our little group included a guest invited by Chuck who just fit right in. His name is Aaron Gingerelli, riding a Harley FXDB. He had just returned from an early morning fishing trip with his 6 year old son. As Prez Chuck predicted, the Fall Colors were great and the cruise to Lincoln uneventful.

Just after we arrived the parking lot started filling up with bikes and we soon took over nearly the whole front dining area. Despite the leisurely service, the socializing went on at such a furious pace that few realized that Bob Testut was awarded the "farthest rider" award of a \$10.00 cash card from Town Pump.

By the time to leave we had a good crowd: Kevin and Ann Huddy, F650GS; Chris Keyes, R1100RT-P; Phil Hagland, R100T; Ken Conrad, F650; Bob Testut, R1150GS; Larry Banister, K1200RT; Richard French, F800GS; Rick Kuschel, K1200RS; Aaron Gingerelli, HD FXDB; David Gordon, K1200LT; Joy and Mike Kreikenmeier, R1200GS; and last Marea Matthews, F650GS.



With all the parking lot chattering, it is presumed

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that everyone had a good time!

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Mileage Competition

Mileage junkies...the 2014 mileage contest ended Sunday, October 12th! So, it's time to get out the old pen and paper and send me your results. As I mentioned in my last note, you can mail 'em or email 'em to me...102 Ironwood Place, Missoula, MT 59803, or beemermt@msn.com either way will work, but I will need to receive your 2014 entries before 11/01/14 or your out of luck! Thanks in advance for participating, now do the final step and send your mileage in to me and I'll publish the results after the first of the year! (And if you participated in the national BMWMOA contest, mail in your ending mileage form to them so that we can have great Montana representation in the national mag!)

Larry Banister

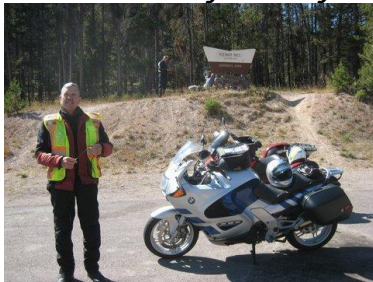
Montana BMW Rider's mileage contest coordinator!

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Larry's Safety Corner



I love the old Bell Helmet advertisement, "If you have a \$10 head, buy a \$10 helmet"! One of the things I most appreciate about my BMW brethren is their faithfulness in wearing helmets! Now if there is a subject that has more ink devoted to it than helmets, it might be oil! So, I'm not going too far down that

road. If you get the BMWMOA News there is a great and really informative article in the October issue entitled "The fashion accessory that could save your life" beginning on page 86. This article not only covers some of the most basic issues concerning the use, protection and replacement of your helmet, but it is a great article explaining the difference between the DOT and the Snell standard.

I only want to add two points of information here: Point #1. As pointed out in the article in the owner's news, most riders are wearing a helmet that is too large. I believe from my experience, one of the main reasons for this is that the less expensive helmets have a cheaper liner system, and as all heads are not the same, when we try one of these helmets on, we notice "pressure points" somewhere on our head and assume that the helmet is too small. We "fix" this problem by going to the next size up, continuing until we no longer feel any "pressure points" and buy that particular size. Helmets, like shoes, get larger when worn. So if you start with a helmet that is too big, once worn for any period of time, the lining compresses and now you have a helmet that is dangerously too large. The more expensive helmets have a more expensive lining system, one that has a layer(s) that forms to the exact shape of your head and results in a custom fit to your head. This fit is quite snug, as it should be. So when trying on a helmet, wear it in the dealership for 10-15 minutes....you'll look strange, but you'll also discover any "pressure points". If, after the 10-15 minute period, the helmet still feels snug, but without any "pressure points", you've probably got the right size.

Point #2. On a recent ride with some of our folks, I noted a really nice helmet hung over a rear view mirror at one of our stops. This, along with several helmets being left on the seats of motorcycles during a lunch stop, create an environment that is dangerous to your helmet and thus your head. Hanging your helmet over a mirror (or any other hard object) causes the inner liner to have dents or valleys caused by the mirror. This indentation violates the integrity of the lining, something you don't want to find out in the middle of a crash! Leaving your helmet sitting on your bike during a stop subjects it to being blown off by the wind, or falling off when bumped during the process of getting your ride/gear together. A drop from the height of your motorcycle onto the pavement or gravel places stress on the exterior shell and

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potentially weakens it...something you don't want to find out during a get off! So after you've invested in the right size helmet, take care of it. For additional care tips, please see the excellent article in the October issues of the BMWMOA news.

Larry Banister/Retired MSF Instructor

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WINTER READY

By Andy Main, Big Sky Motorsports

Another Montana winter is here and it is time to store the bike. The last thing you want in the spring is to have that first nice day in late March when all your friends want to ride and your bike won't start. A little fall prep work can go a long way to prevent any problems come spring. Here is a list of a few things to remember:

Battery charger. There are many available models to fit any budget, starting at the \$30-\$40 range for a simple plug in charger, up to the \$80-\$100 chargers that can be programmed for any battery you may have (bike/car/lawn mower/boat). The main thing is to know what battery you have and use the appropriate charger. If your bike lives in a heated garage, just plug in and you are good to go. If it stays cold in storage, you may want to remove the battery and take it inside. In theory a charged battery shouldn't have any issues with the temps we see here in Montana, but with the prices of some of the batteries in our bikes I wouldn't risk it. Once a battery freezes, it is junk. The other thing to think about is how long to charge the battery. Most of the chargers now have a storage mode that allows the battery to be connected constantly without over charging. Some of the older chargers don't have this feature and could possibly damage the battery if connected for a long period of time. BMW recommends that if the battery is connected to the bike (i.e. still has a slight draw from the electronics) it should be fully charged once a month. If it is unhooked from the bike, you could let it go for a few more weeks.

Fuel stabilizer. The best way to store a bike is with a full tank of fuel. More fuel means less room for condensation and less chance of water building up in your tank. Next is Ethanol. How do we deal with the fuel in the tank? There are many options out there for fuel stabilizers. I've heard of people having good results with Sta-Bil. Personally, I've had good results with Star Tron fuel treatment. My wife's dirt bike may get ridden once or twice a year and usually the worst I have to deal with is draining the carb before the next ride. Ok now that the tank is full of treated fuel, start the bike and run it for a while to get that fuel circulated through the entire fuel system. It doesn't do any good to have a full tank of good gas in the spring if the carbs are full of untreated fuel that has plugged all the jets. On that note, I have yet to see anything that can be added to the fuel

tank after the fact that will clean carb jets properly. They will need to come off the bike and be taken apart.

Tires. This note is more for spring riding than fall storage. Tires lose pressure. It isn't as noticeable in the summer when we are riding regularly and checking pressure frequently. But after 4-5 months storage a tire that had 36 psi when parked could drop as much as 50-60% or more. So that first ride in the spring your front tire could be as low as 18-20 psi. A tire that is run with low pressure could be damaged and have a shortened life span. Personally, I like to get as much life out of my tires as I can, considering the cost of new ones.

Just a few ideas to keep in mind before the bike gets parked and the skis hit the snow. And as always the crew here at Big Sky Motorsports is always happy to help with any motorcycle questions you may have.

(Editor's Note: This was an article written some time ago by Andy Main at Big Sky Motorsports but worth rereading as we approach winter.)

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Editor's Corner

Not too much to say this time around. It was great to see the turnout at Trixie's Saloon. Hopefully the weather will cooperate for our last scheduled ride to Drummond on the 16th. This is also a good time to remind all that membership for the coming year remains the same (\$15) and it's a bargain. Why...we drop that much for a meal out and that's only once while the club gives you rides, newsletters, oblique membership in three different motorcycle organizations (BMWMOA, BMWRA, & AMA), gifts and gags at meetings, campouts, dual purpose rides, and the Christmas Party. So, take a check to any of the next meetings made out to MT BMW Riders and continue your support of one of the only true "riding clubs" in Montana.

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Volunteer Corner:

Christmas Toy Run

By Larry Bannister

On December 13, 2014 the motorcyclists of Missoula and the surrounding area will once again sponsor the Christmas Toy Run for the children and families of the Child Development Center. With collection boxes for new, un-wrapped toys placed in the motorcycle dealership in Missoula and surrounding communities, the motorcyclists of Missoula will be collecting the toys through December 6th for delivery on December 13th. The gathering location will be in the parking lot of Cabela's located at 3650 Brooks street at 10:30 a.m. where hot coffee will be served. Weather permitting all riders will parade to the Missoula Alliance Church located at 100 East Foss Court where the children, families and staff of the CDC will be awaiting arrival of Santa and the accompanying motorcycle procession. Children and families will meet Santa and receive gifts provided by the Motorcycle Community. Participating riders will be served coffee and refreshments and be a part of helping these children and their family have a meaningful Christmas. **Please inform your members of this great time and plan to be a part of making Christmas special for these kids. Please encourage your members to make their toy donations at their favorite motorcycle dealership prior to the pick up date of 12/6.** See you in the Cabela's parking lot at 10:30 am, December 13th! For further information please contact Ruby Jean @ [544-0901](tel:544-0901).

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Be sure to vote.

November 4th