

# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

## President's Corner



Praise da Lawd and pass the gasoline! (non-ethanol please). Yes I did just get back from the South Land. Weather there was colder than Montana the first week. But thanks to good family, good barbeque & hushpuppies, I survived. Now I say, YAHOO! If March stays as nice as the end of February in Montana, this may go down as the earliest riding season start in many years.

I will be brief as we have a ton of stuff, chock full of motorcycle info coming in this issue: Info on rallies & their dates; a list of Cafés to ride to; rules for the Café to Café Challenge; notes about an upcoming tech session; and long winter night's presentation along w/ some great articles from your Montana BMW Riders executive committee.

This year, to try and up the fun factor for our membership, (as well as up your riding miles), Mr. Kevin Huddy has a well laid out plan. We're calling this the Café to Café Challenge. A number of "local" cafes have been chosen. Those wanting to participate (paid members only, thank you) will be challenged to visit some or all of these cafés over the riding season 3-15 to 11-15, 2016.

Those making the most (or all) will win the glory of the apocalypse, in name and stature, with your peers (and maybe win a T-shirt too)! Your name will be carved on a tablet (no, not an I-pad) forever. And if you want to also join the Big Sky Motorsports version of the Café to Café Challenge you might win something more palpable, but not as glorious, \$250.00.

See the rules and regs further on in this newsletter. Hope you will all join and all have fun with this. I think this will be a good excuse to call up your riding buds and set dates for 1 or 2 or 3 or 39 riding dates, weekends, or what have you to meet and eat. Riding & eating will impart camaraderie and fellowship with other members. We've never been a 'ride in a gaggle' type of club. This will give you a chance to get to know others in the club while having more fun and riding more miles. Another way to look at it; more miles on the odometer, more inches on the waistline! I think they call that comfort food. Almost as good as barbeque & hushpuppies. J

I'd like to thank Kevin Huddy for all the research, work and time he's put in to making this a fun and seamless event. Way to go, Kevin!!

We will have had a tech session this past weekend, February 27, at 10:00 am at Big Sky Motorsports. Thanks to Nate and Andy Main for the tech session earlier in February and to Nate and Gail Leonard at Big Sky BMW for this

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weekend's presentation. Hopefully we'll have a couple of travelogues before the riding season starts, if we can work out dates with some of our members. There's also a list of local rallies in the Northwest over this coming sum-

### Next Meeting

**March 20**

**Whitehall**

**Two Bit Saloon**

mer. Could be a good summer for travel, maybe stopping on the way to some rallies at some of the cafes on the Cafe2Cafe list.

Though I missed the February club meeting at the Avon Café many others did not. 24 members showed up with 9 of them on motorcycles...on what I hear was a nice sunny, but cold day. Temps were in the low 40's at best? I'm sure the Avon Café enjoyed our club's gathering. She always treats us right and seems to really appreciate us coming.

Next month other than the start of the Cafe2Cafe, we have a ride to Whitehall for the monthly club meeting. It'll be at the Two Bit Saloon, Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.

Hope you are getting ready for the riding season, perusing maps and calendars, getting the due diligence maintenance done, and picking up those much "needed" farkles, not to mention maybe that new bike you've been thinking about. Let's keep Nate & Big Sky BMW humming.

Wish you well. Watch out for gravel in the corners. See you at Whitehall.

Happy Trails!!

*Chuck*

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## CAFE TO CAFE RULES

General: The Montana BMW Riders' Café to Café contest is intended to increase the girth of our members and to get them to put more miles on their motorcycles. The concept is simple, get on your motorcycle, link up with some friends, ride to one of the listed cafes and consume something. Repeat as needed. The winner is the person who gets to the most cafes. Ties will be resolved according to the rules listed below. The top three riders will receive a prize. To receive credit for visiting a café the rider must submit a photograph via email as described in the rules below.

Big Sky Motorsports concurrent contest: Our friends at Big Sky Motorsports are sponsoring a concurrent contest that offers a \$250 prize to the most ravenous of our contestants. The prize can be split if there is a tie for first place. If you wish to participate in the Big Sky Motorsports contest you must wear a new BMW hat in the picture. Big Sky Motorsports is selling the hat for \$22.00 (regularly \$30) to club members. Additional info in the rules below.

### Rules:

Riders must register prior to starting the contest. To register for the Montana Riders' Café to Café ride, send an email to Kevin Huddy ([klhuddy@hotmail.com](mailto:klhuddy@hotmail.com)). In the email include your name, T-shirt size and indicate whether or not you are also participating in the Big Sky Motorsports concurrent contest. Riders may register and begin the Café to Café ride at anytime up until the end date of the competition.

You must be a member of the Montana BMW Riders in good standing (dues paid) prior to beginning the contest.

**To participate in the Big Sky Motorsports concurrent contest you must register with them** by either visiting the store or telephonically. You must buy a hat from Big Sky Motorsports and wear that hat in the picture (not some old crusty thing you've got in a side case). Kevin will submit the contest results to Big Sky Motorsports and they will make the final decision on the winner of their \$250 prize. (You do not need to wear a hat to compete in the Montana Riders event)

The contest runs from 15 March until 15 November 2016

You must ride a motorcycle (two or three wheels) to the cafés.

If the café is closed you may still submit the picture, but please make every effort to visit the cafes while they are open. If you find that a café is closed permanently, then take and submit the picture and inform Kevin of the closure. A notice will be sent to all participants of the closure and submissions of that café will no longer be accepted. Please report any other issues you discover at a café so that Kevin can inform the other participants.

Those riding two-up should submit one picture showing both people; it will be considered a single entry.

The intended spirit of the Café to Café ride is to inspire members to ride more often and to do so with old and new friends. The intent certainly is not to approach the event as an Iron Butt ride in which the rider tries to visit as many cafes as possible in as short of a time as possible. With that in mind no more than three cafes may be visited in a single day and riders are encouraged to consume something in the café. Riders are also encouraged to tell the owner/manager that they're there because of the Montana BMW Riders' competition.

To prove that you visited a café submit a picture via email to Kevin ([klhuddy@hotmail.com](mailto:klhuddy@hotmail.com)). The picture must show the rider in front of the café with the sign of the café visible and legible. If possible, also include the motorcycle in the picture. Include a time/date stamp on the pictures or indicate the time and date of the visit in the email. Size all your pictures so that they are 1MB or less in size. Please send in your pictures once a month and limit the number of pictures to three – five per email. **No picture will be considered if received after 20 November 2016. We must be able to read the name of the café in the picture.**

A participant may only count a specific café once.

The number of cafes visited, as proven by properly submitted pictures, will determine finishing spots. The top three places will receive a T-shirt. If there is a tie, then the riders will share the position. For example, if there are two riders in first place, they will share first and there will be no third place. If there are three riders in first place, then they will share first and there will be no second or third place finisher. The first place finisher(s) will also have their names placed on a perpetual trophy.

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### SPECIAL CATEGORIES:


**Distance Riders:** The rider who rides the furthest distance to a single café will receive a T-shirt. Distance will be determined from the rider's home to the café via the route selected by Google Maps. If a rider wishes to be considered for this recognition, then the rider must include their home address and distance ridden in the email in which the picture is submitted and indicate that he/she is competing for the distance recognition.

**Senior Riders:** This category is for riders 70 years old or older. The rider in this category with the most cafes will receive a T-shirt.

**Vintage Motorcycle Riders:** The rider who rides a motorcycle made before 1991 with the most cafes will receive a t-shirt.

No rider will be awarded more than one shirt.

## OFFICIAL LIST OF CAFES

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1. The Park Café, St Mary's, Glacier Park
  2. Thompson Grill, Thompson Falls
  3. Tamarack Brewery/Café, Lakeside
  4. Lochsa Lodge, Powell Ranger Station, Idaho
  5. Wilderness Inn, Kooskia, Idaho
  6. Lula's, Whitefish
  7. Log Cabin, Choteau
  8. Stray Bullet Café, Ovando
  9. Grizzly Bar & Grill, Roscoe
  10. Graves Hotel Restaurant/Lounge, Harlowton
  11. Yogo Inn, Lewistown
  12. Cafe Madriz, West Yellowstone
  13. Cafe Regis, Red Lodge
  14. Willow Creek Café/Saloon, Willow Creek (May need reservations)
  15. Three Forks Café, Three Forks
  16. Cousin's Café, Plentywood
  17. Wild West Diner, Culbertson
  18. The Calf A, Dell
  19. The Red Dog Saloon, Pipe Creek north of Libby on the road to Yaak
  20. The Wake Cup Café, Ft. Benton
  21. The Jersey Lilly, Ingomar
  22. The Main Street Diner, Nelson, B. C.
  23. Quinns Hot Springs Resort, Paradise
  24. Dinner Bell, Gold Creek
  25. Countryside Café, Hyw 93 North of Missoula (just south of Ronan)
  26. Sula Store Café, Sula
  27. Frenchman & Me, Wolf Creek
  28. Silver Saddle, Basin
  29. Wise River Club, Wise River
  30. Crazy Mountains Inn, Martinsdale
  31. Chubby's, Augusta
  32. Sacajawea Inn, Three Forks
  33. The Gravel Bar and Grill, Ennis
  34. Ringling Bar, Ringling
  35. Pine Creek Lodge, Livingston
  36. Stacey's Bar/Steakhouse, Gallatin Gate Way (Open at 4 Pm on Sunday)
  37. Chuckwagon Café, Turner Valley
  38. Outpost Café, Opheim
  39. Avon Café, Avon

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## SAFETY CORNER

With the current February weather acting like April, you're probably getting the bike out for your spring rides. I have a "trick" driveway...it faces south and when I open up the garage door, the sun spills in. Getting the bike out and rummaging around looking for the gear that I stored last fall, I get "tricked" into believing its way warmer that it actually is. As a result, my gear selection is often dictated by the abnormally warm temperatures in my driveway and it's not too far into the ride when I realize it's not nearly as warm as my southern exposure driveway.....with no wind! Can you say....Hypothermia: "A medical emergency that occurs when your body loses heat faster than it can produce heat, causing a dangerously low body temperature". The onset of hypothermia is evidenced by cold extremities....feet, hands, and as it progresses, your ability to move these extremities becomes limited. Let's see and on my motorcycle the hands and feet do what????....oh yeah, break, shift, clutch, throttle, turn indicators, horn, high beams.....! Progressive hypothermia begins to impact major body functions including the.....brain....and what exactly does my brain do???? So, as you begin your riding season, recognize the signs of hypothermia and be prepared. Simple ways...electric gear...vest, jacket, heated gloves or grips; each of these items help generate heat for your body parts and greatly reduce your body's task of trying to generate enough heat to stay warm. Secondly seal off entrances where cold air can get to your skin...your neck, chest, cuffs of your riding pants, where your gloves meet your jacket sleeves. Staying warm and physically able on your bike is a big deal...and as we begin riding in temperatures that are in the low 40's hypothermia is riding along with you, watch for it.

*Larry Banister*

Safety Mom-Montana BMW Riders

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## ANNIE'S COLUMN

I am sitting here on a rather blustery day in late February staring at the United States map on the wall above the computer and pondering. The map is stuck with push pins in red (those represent me) and black (which represent my husband) and denotes the states in which we each have ridden. There are also several Canadian Provinces sporting push pins. It should be noted here that he has accrued five more states than I, but our provinces are equal. When did he get Nevada, California, Kentucky, Virginia, and N Carolina?

We were THIS close to tagging Texas, in fact spent the night in Texhoma, Oklahoma and could see the Texas border from the motel parking lot,

but the weather was closing in fast and we really thought getting ahead of it was more important. It was and it wasn't. You should know that when the Weather Channel Truck passes you---- things are going to take a turn for the worse. After 4 hours, 50mph winds, mud rain( yup, you read that right! it is wind driven dirt, mixed with rain), and lightening that was phenomenal we managed to pull into Elkhart, KS, having ridden a mere 45 miles. The motel we hunkered down in for the duration was a garden spot...in 1930 and probably had unbroken windows back then, too. Needless to say we departed bright and early the next morning after jump starting my bike twice and dropping a bike (I will leave you to wonder which one of us did that). One of the best things I have ever seen is Elkhart, KS in my rearview mirror.

So now as I sit on the brink of the next riding season I ponder. Where should I ride to next? What is on the bucket list? Do I have a bucket list or need one? All of the bikes have been serviced over the winter, new tires mounted, the log book on each bike has been updated. Gear has been washed, dried, mended, and waterproofed. It has been a loooooonnnnnngggg winter.

So I ponder where will we go this year? What specific roads should we ride? When can we squeeze in that trip back to Texas? Who will we meet on the road or link up with at a campground, will they be old friends or new? These are the stories that will carry each of us through the next long winter, and will be retold at rallies and meetings for years to come. These are the "There we were stories", the ones that made just a trip a real adventure!

I really hope that those of you still pondering about paying your dues come to a quick decision and mail in your check. There are only so many days in the riding season, there are a ton of stories yet to be made and told. I cannot wait to hear yours!

**Annie**

Annie Huddy

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## 2016 RIDE SCHEDULE

January 16	Seeley Lake...Double Arrow Resort Lodge... <u>a Saturday</u>
February 21	Avon...Avon Cafe.
March 20	Whitehall...Two Bit Saloon
April 17	Lincoln...Lambkins
May 15	Philipsburg...Sunshine Station
May 20-22	Tech Day @ the Huddy's in Helena ... <u>a Saturday &amp; Sunday</u>
June 18	Big Fork...Echo Lake Café ... <u>a Saturday</u>
July 17	Bozeman...Kountry Korner Café ... <u>a Saturday</u>
August 14	Wisdom...The Crossings Restaurant @ Fetty's
September 17	Fort Benton... The Club House ... <u>a Saturday</u>
October 16	Ovando...Trixie's
November 20	Drummond...Wagon Wheel
December 3	Christmas Party @ Big Sky Motor Sports

**Monthly rides normally will occur on Sunday unless otherwise stated. Our standard meeting time is 1 p.m. to allow restaurants to get past their busy time for us. You'll note this year that several of our rides are going to be on Saturday**

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## FEBRUARY TECH SESSIONS

Good turnout for both the Tech Sessions held at Big Sky Motorsports on the 13th and 27th of February. Andy Main and Gail Leonard did a great job of answering questions



and providing tips on things like throwing away pencil tire pressure gauges every year to upgrading protective inserts in existing jackets and pants. Included were some interesting advances in heated clothing to how to properly bleed a brake system that includes ABS. Our many thanks to Nate and the boys and girls at Big Sky Motorsports for hosting these informative winter sessions and to the club for providing the calories.



## Local Events and Rallies

Chief Joseph Rally John Day, Oregon...June 17-19, 2016  
Red Rock Rendezvous...Panguitch, Utah...June 18-21, 2016  
BMW-MOA Rally...Hamburg, NY...July 14-16, 2016  
Rocky Bow Lunatic Fringe Rally...Cochrane, Alberta...July 23-25  
Cascade Country Rendezvous...Republic, WA...7-21-24, 2016  
Top of the Rockies Rally...Paonia, CO...7-21-24, 2016  
Broken Arrow Rally...Gibbonsville, ID...July 22-24, 2016  
Sturgis...August 8-14, 2016  
Stanley Stomp...Grandjean, Idaho...August 11-14, 2016  
Beartooth Rendezvous...August 18-21-2016  
Bee Cee Beemers Nakusp, BC Rally...August 18-21<sup>st</sup>, 2016  
BMW-MOA Get Away...Coeur D' Alene, Idaho...September 16-18, 2016

## Mileage Contest Note

Mileage Junkies...the 2016 Mileage contest will begin again in April. Those of you who get the BMWMOA magazine will get a copy of the "official" entry form and can use it. I'll have a "full meal deal" in next month's newsletter with the "rules" and how to get in this year...the café-to-café contest should be a great way to accumulate those miles for our traditional mileage contest. So...look for the mileage contest details in our March issue.

**Larry Bannister** — Mileage Contest Coordinator

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## editor's notes

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Annie sent along a note that we have three new members this month. Welcome...

**Frank Gruden  
Richard French, and  
Charles Bloom.**

**They more than likely rode to Avon...way to go!**





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## Notes from Guatemala

Chris Keyes, our intrepid Secretary Treasurer to be when he returns from his sabbatical in Guatemala writes the following:

*"Hola Amigos,  
Tons of motorcycles but almost no BMWs down here in Quetzaltenango. Here is one unexpected exception: a down-scaled S1000RR as seen alongside strollers, play-pens and other like items in a baby/toddler store. Unfortu-*



*nately, the manager would not permit me a test ride!  
Chris"*

Chris and his family are expected back in June after completing his sabbatical. He is on the faculty of the Forestry & Conservation department at the U of M in Missoula. We're hoping for more notes and pics from him as he settles in.

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*Larry Bannister is looking for possible volunteers in September to help man the checkpoint for the Three Flags Classic, a grueling 3 day event over the Labor Day Weekend beginning on the Mexican border and finishing in Canada. So far, all he knows is that the checkpoint will be either in Helena or along the north shore of the Flathead Lake. It's a fun way to spend a few hours helping out. More information will be in subsequent newsletters.*

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*The Huddy's sent along a long article about the merging of two major motorcycle retailers...Cycle Gear & Revzilla. The article was way too long to publish but essentially*

*creates one more major clothing retailer in our areas of interest.*

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