

# MONTANA BMW RIDERS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## President's Corner



**A** hhhh, April. What we've all been looking forward to! Even though the weather in March and even February were unusual in that they had some 'nice' riding, April always bring(s) that great realization....Winter is over and riding season has begun! It's the time to get on those new skins, do the needed maintenance, dust off the maps and start planning for those destinations you've been thinking about over winter, or revisiting rides not realized from a previous year. April is also the start of the mileage contest, see Mr. Larry Banister our mileage coordinator for that. In April you should be starting to pile up some cafes in the Café 2 Café Challenge. Personally, I see this Café 2 Café as a great chance to get to know your fellow members in this club. It's pretty much a no-brainer, other members of this club enjoy motorcycling and food. Between the Café 2 Café Challenge, the mileage contest and the Café 2 Café Big Sky Motorsports Challenge it should be a year calling to you to put on more quality miles and get acquainted with fellow club members.

I visited my first café last weekend, *Loula's* in Whitefish. Unfortunately it was a ski trip w/ family, which fortunately gives me a reason to go back. Based on a National Public Radio and Public Broadcasting poll, *Loula's* is noted as one of the top 25 pie places in the country (and rightly so we discovered). It also has a GREAT breakfast. Terrible that we had to relax all those downhill aches & pains with so much protein and sugar. *Loula's* unique location is in the lower level of the original Masonic Lodge building in the heart of Whitefish's downtown. Parking in front may be the biggest challenge, but the food will certainly make up for it. Now if all the cafes on this challenge are half as good as *Loula's*, we definitely have 37 great reasons to ride! The March meeting happened on a glorious day for a Sunday ride in March. Leaving their nice warm beds, most members faced their thermometers reading 30-35 degrees. Frosty! But with the afternoon came warmer climes, making that day one of our first 60 degree days of spring. The *Two Bit Saloon* in Whitehall was a new venue for the club. Neat little town and we had a dozen members show up. Those taking advantage of the cold yet nice weather were: From Helena, Kevin Huddy - FJR, Annie Huddy - F800GS, John Beyrau - R80GSPD, Dick and Ed Field - Honda Crosstour, Mike Meredith - F800ST. From Townsend, Lance Lerum - R65. From Bozeman, Mike Kreikemeier - R1200GS. From Victor, Dave McCormack - Spyder, our old friends Mike & Donna McInerney (showering those so lucky to be there with lots of Donna's homemade cookies) - Toyota Fore

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### CLUB CHARTER MEMBERSHIPS

**BMWMOA #155**

**BMW RA #072**

**AMA #6830**

Runner. Missoula, Chuck Reaves- Honda Odyssey. Mike Kreikemeier announced before going back home to Bozeman, he was

### Next Meeting

**April 17**

**Lincoln**

**Lambkins**

headed off to Minnesota to help a friend w/ a building project. So if you need anyone to accompany you for a long distance ride, or a building project, Mr. Mike might be your man.

Next month our meeting location is one of the club favorites, Lincoln. It'll be at Lambkin's (right on main street) in their back room. Time as usual, 1:00 PM.

Spring is the beginning of rally season and also a couple of local community service events; YMCA Riverbank Run on May 7<sup>th</sup> and TOSRV, Tour of the Swan River Valley, June 4-5. If you can help out with either of these please contact me. Call/text 406-240-1771.

Look forward to seeing you in Lincoln. Bring a friend and maybe some ideas for Café 2 Café rides you can share with fellow members.

And if you haven't paid your club membership dues by now (Bad Dog!) bring your check book.... or incur the wrath of Annie Huddy.

Happy Trails!!

**Chuck**

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## Mileage Contest

Well mileage fans, you should have a good month if not a month and a half to get warmed up for our "Official Montana BMW Riders 2016 Mileage Contest"! Our "official dates" will mirror those of the BMWMOA's official contest as I hope that you who ride BMW's are participating in the MOA's contest as we (Montana) get a listing in the BMWMOA's official contest results. You don't have to ride a BMW to participate in the club contest. Anyway, while our dates are the same, our rules are a lot more liberal... **So here are the "Montana Rules":**

**Start Date:** April 9, 2016

**Ending Date:** October 9, 2016

**Entry Requirements:** Brand and model of motorcycle, beginning mileage submitted in writing, either via email, snail mail, napkin delivered at one of our meetings, or a copy of your official MOA entry form. Your name, address and email address on the submission "document". Email entries: [beemermt@msn.com](mailto:beemermt@msn.com); snail mail entries: 102 Ironwood Place, Missoula, MT 59803. To be considered as an "official entrant" you must have your entry documentation to me **NLT May 9<sup>th</sup>**. Entries arriving beyond the May 16<sup>th</sup> cut off, will not be considered "official" and will not qualify you for the great prize(s) given away to the winners at our annual Christmas party in December.

We should have an excellent year, what with the wonderful weather we are enjoying and with our Café to Café contest going on we have many great excuses to ride (and eat!). So, thanks to everyone who participated last year, I look forward to having an even better number this year. After all, where can you get your mileage records kept for you, have a great time, have great food and be eligible for a great prize!???

*Larry Banister*

Mileage Contest Coordinator-Montana BMW Riders

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## CAFÉ TO CAFÉ CONTEST UPDATE

As of April 4, we have 15 participants in the Café to Café competition for the club and 11 participants in the Big Sky Challenge Café to Café competition. And since we began we've discovered that 2 of our Cafes are either closed or out of business all together, Additionally we've had one café change it's name. The cafes in Wolf Creek and Thompson Falls have been removed and won't for now be replaced. The Augusta café has changed it's name to Mel's. Further on in the newsletter you'll find an alphabetized listing of the remaining cafes. For a refreshment on the rules, please see our website. Also, there's a map of Montana showing all the cafes.

Have fun.

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*Alphabetized Cafe to Cafe Listing*



	<b>Cafe Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State Province</b>
1	Mel's Café	Augusta	MT
2	Avon Café, Avon	Avon	MT
3	Silver Saddle, Basin	Basin	MT
4	Log Cabin, Choteau	Choteau	MT
5	Wild West Diner, Culbertson	Culbertson	MT
6	The Calf A, Dell	Dell	MT
7	The Gravel Bar and Grill, Ennis	Ennis	MT
8	The Wake Cup Café, Ft. Benton	Ft. Benton	MT
9	Stacey's Bar/Steakhouse, Gallatin Gate Way	Gallatin Gate Way	MT
10	The Park Café, St Mary's, Glacier Park	Glacier Park	MT
11	Dinner Bell, Gold Creek	Gold Creek	MT
12	Graves Hotel Restaurant/Lounge, Harlowton	Harlowton	MT
13	Countryside Café, Hyw 93 North of Missoula	Hwy 93 & Hwy 212	MT
14	Lochsa Lodge, Powell Ranger Station, Idaho	Hwy 12 & FSR 569, Idaho	ID
15	Wilderness Inn, Kooskia, Idaho	Idaho	ID
16	The Jersey Lilly, Ingomar	Ingomar	MT
17	Tamarack Brewery/Café, Lakeside	Lakeside	MT
18	Yogo Inn, Lewistown	Lewistown	MT
19	Pine Creek Lodge, Livingston	Livingston	MT
20	Crazy Mountains Inn, Martinsdale	Martinsdale	MT
21	The Main Street Diner, Nelson, B. C.	Nelson, B. C.	BC
22	Outpost Café, Opheim	Opheim	MT
23	Stray Bullet Café, Ovando	Ovando	MT
24	Quinn's Hot Springs Resort, Paradise	Paradise	MT
25	The Red Dog Saloon, Pipe Creek north of Libby	Pipe Creek	MT
26	Cousin's Café, Plentywood	Plentywood	MT
27	Cafe Regis, Red Lodge	Red Lodge	MT
28	Ringling Bar, Ringling	Ringling	MT
29	Grizzly Bar & Grill, Roscoe	Roscoe	MT
30	Sula Store Café, Sula	Sula	MT
31	Three Forks Café , Three Forks	Three Forks	MT
32	Sacajawea Inn, Three Forks	Three Forks	MT
33	Chuckwagon Café, Turner Valley	Turner Valley	MT
34	Cafe Madriz, West Yellowstone	West Yellowstone	MT
35	Loula's, Whitefish	Whitefish	MT
36	Willow Creek Café/Saloon, Willow Creek	Willow Creek	MT
37	Wise River Club, Wise River	Wise River	MT

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## Secretary Treasurer Update

Annie reports that everyone knows by now all the reasons we should re-up our membership each year and tons of members have done that to date. So she won't be reminding anyone this issue about getting your dues in so that you enjoy the whole calendar year with the outstanding meetings, raffles, tech sessions, and web site tips and tricks and the friendly competition of Café to Café's.

She reminds all BMW MOA members that the voting for new MOA board members election has been postponed until May due to a ballot issue. See your May issue for details or go to the website.

## 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

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Emailed text is preferred. Photos as attachments.

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***Guatemala Traveler Report***

Greetings from Guatemala,  
 I came across the perfect replacement bike for those looking for a little more stability, or a little more protection from the rain. Can your bike carry groceries like this one?

Front part seems to be from a work bicycle of similar form. There are many of those here in the markets. Carrying anything you can think of, produce, propane



tanks, children.  
 Back part is pretty common too, 125cc bike. Little chain drive thumpers are all over the place here. Bikes 200cc and larger are uncommon and any larger is considered a large bike here. **Chris**

**2016 RIDE SCHEDULE**

- January 16 Seeley Lake...Double Arrow Resort Lodge...a Saturday
- 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 ...a Saturday & Sunday
- June 18 Big Fork...Echo Lake Café ...a Saturday
- July 17 Bozeman...Kountry Korner Café ... a Saturday
- August 14 Wisdom...The Crossings Restaurant @ Fetty's
- September 17 Fort Benton... The Club House ...a Saturday
- 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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## MARCH MEETING IN WHITEHALL



Not sure she was with us, but we voted her in.



Lovebirds Mike and Donna up from Colorado



Whitehall is a "happening" town



Not a bad turnout for a "bar" on day that started in the low 20 degrees.

They even covered the pool table for us.



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