

# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



There has been a big change since May, weather-wise. After riding through snow in the back country and surviving a 2 day blizzard on the Smith River in central Montana with family and friends, June has turned in a big way. Tonight I'm up typing away on the confuser, middle of the night, because with the inclement heat wave one can hardly sleep.

May also saw lots of volunteers, as motorcycle Marshals, for our annual YMCA Riverbank Run. Thanks to Carol and Gary Graham, who took time off from their Café to Café hyper-touring, to help. Also thanks to our illustrious newsletter editor, Dave McCormack and to Terry Kay whose pix you'll see further on in the newsletter.

May also was our birthday meeting at the Sunshine Station in Philipsburg. As per that particular day in May, rain threatened and the turnout for Philipsburg was low. Those attending.....Mike Kreikermeier, Bozeman R1200GS. From Missoula, Larry Banister Triumph Tiger 800XR, John Torma R1200LT, Chuck Reaves Honda Odyssey, Dick French & friend Sandy Knutsen Porshe 924, Dave McCormack from Victor Nissan Frontier, & from Helena Bob Rennick K1300RS.

The following weekend in May saw a great turnout, 20-25 people, for the annual Tech Day at the Huddy Outpost in Helena. What a great venue, learning about bikes, catching up with old friends and making new ones. Learning everything you wanted to know about your bike, and the Airheads while learning to speak Canadian at the same time. Plus a plethora of jokes from club joker, Marg Lang. Thanks to the Huddy's for this huge undertaking. They are definitely the hosts with the most,



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I hope you are all getting a chance to get out in this hot weather. Though May was fickle with some nasty days, it was also one of the better riding springs we've had in a few years (as the number of cafes ridden by the trepedatious Grahams shows). Now we have summer to look forward to. It seems a cooling riding vest will be a mandatory item to have tucked away in your saddle bag. But as we all know, especially with all the varied locations

## NEXT MEETING

**JUNE 18**

**BIG FORK**

**ECHO LAKE CAFÉ**

**TIME: 1:00 PM**

throughout Montana for the Café to Café, it would be a good idea to have your electric vest in the

other saddle bag!

We'll see you on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at the Echo Lake Café. Not only great food, it's a gimme for the Café to Café. Bring a friend.

Happy Trails!!

*Chuck*

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**A**pril showers bring May flowers—HA! Not this year....

April turned out to be a better riding month than May, BUT, May has been a wonderful month for gathering in new members: Tom Moe, Dave Grode, Ernest Coulson, Blair Krumm, and William Erhardt have recently joined.

Walking in to a meeting can be hard when you don't recognize any faces, so please remember to welcome our newest members. Thanks to all of you for getting the word out and sharing the website address: [MTBMWRIDERS.ORG](http://MTBMWRIDERS.ORG).

As many of you may know, Cole Boehler recently passed away. Cole wrote the book Motorcycling Montana, first and second editions, as well as Riding Idaho, and multiple newspaper articles on riding the Rockies, and on riding in general. I always found his articles to be incredibly informative, well written and entertaining. Kevin and I attended his Memorial Service on Friday, May 27. There were also members from the Last Chance Riders Group of Helena in attendance. If you have not seen or purchased any of his books on Motorcycle Travel please consider it, you won't regret it.

Riding back from Butte on Friday afternoon the weather changed rather drastically and along with the soaking rain came hail. Ouch. Hail hurts, but at 80 mph on the Interstate it hurt even more. Slowing down was the only option (which indeed prolongs the ping

and pain) as there was no place to take shelter until the storm passed. This made the hot coffee and bowl of soup even tastier at the Silver Saddle in Basin, and we got to check off another Cafe from the CAFE 2 CAFE list!

Speaking of eating, reminds me of cooking and baking, and that reminds me of the Tech Day last weekend... See how my mind works!? Members from Canada, Whitefish, Helena, Missoula, and points in between all braved the weather and arrived somewhat damp and/or soaked. So the fire was cranked up to defrost and dry everyone out. I hope everyone left with full tummies and lots of good memories. Thanks to everyone who attended and to those who turned wrenches,

changed tires, checked chains, changed oil and filters, and gave freely of their knowledge and talents—we have amazing members and friends!

Hope to see you all at Bigfork, the Echo Lake Cafe on Saturday, June 18, they have a fabulous menu ---bring SUNSHINE!

*Annie*

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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

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As further proof of our club's commitment to volunteering, 4 of us volunteered to marshal the Tour of the Swan River Valley bicycle ride this past weekend (June 4-5). Our effort was organized by Mark Cadwallader who has been doing this for several on behalf of the club.



Ronan lunch stop hosted by local Boy Scout troop

The tour is a 250 mile bicycle ride from Missoula to Big Fork and back over the to day weekend. Normally about 150 riders sign up and pedal their butts up the Swan River Valley to Big Fork on Saturday with breakfast, lunch and dinner plus energy stops along the

way provided. Then Sunday is breakfast, lunch and pie provided for the grueling, hot ride down the east side of Flathead Lake and then onto Highway 93 for the finish back at the U of M campus.

On a side note, there was a young man (they all look young to me) who has for the 6th year ridden a single speed Schwinn the entire route and not finishing last either.



Pie stop in Arlee

The weather was perfect and we marshaled a group for just under 100 bicyclists and by Sunday it was even less as many people discovered that it's a lot harder than they trained for and opted out of the second day. We coordinate with the Hell Gate Ham Radio club and fortunately this year there was only one occasion requiring our help...a flat tire. Thanks to Mark, Gordon Phillips, Sandy Koeckritz, and your editor.

*We're on the Web:*

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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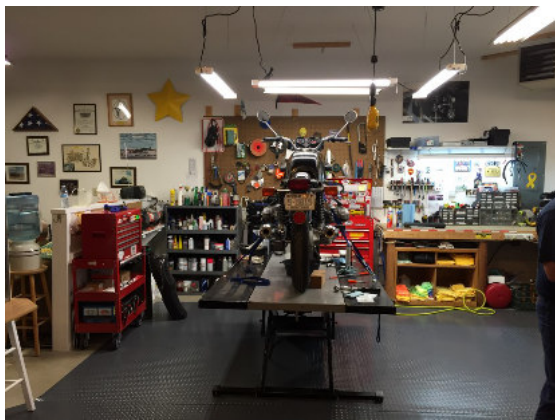
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**Random Pictures from May events:**



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This bike had drool all over it from a couple of older riders looking at some 3 wheeled excitement



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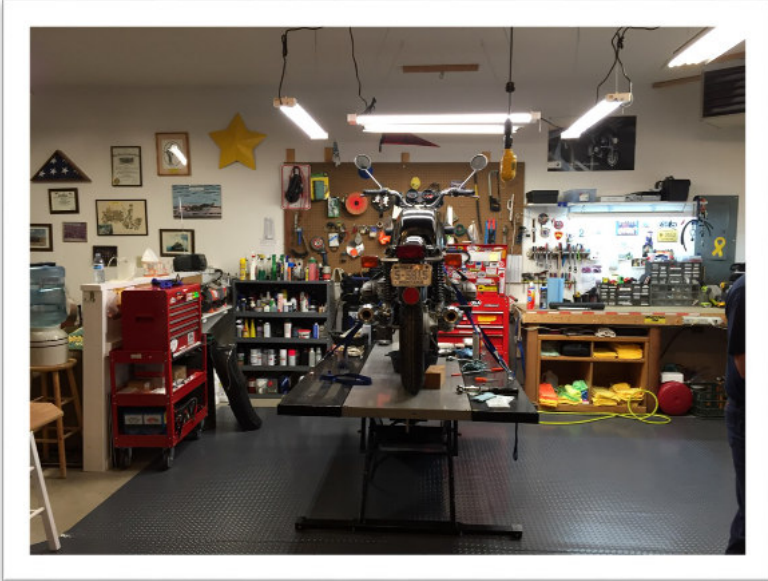


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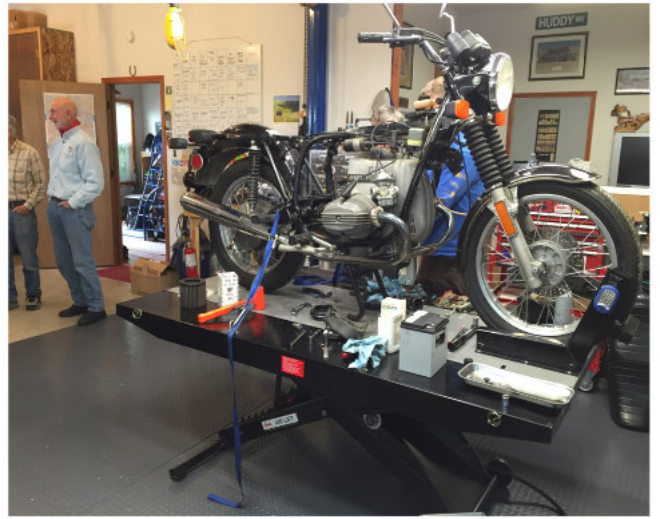


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## PICTURES FROM THE Huddy Tech Days



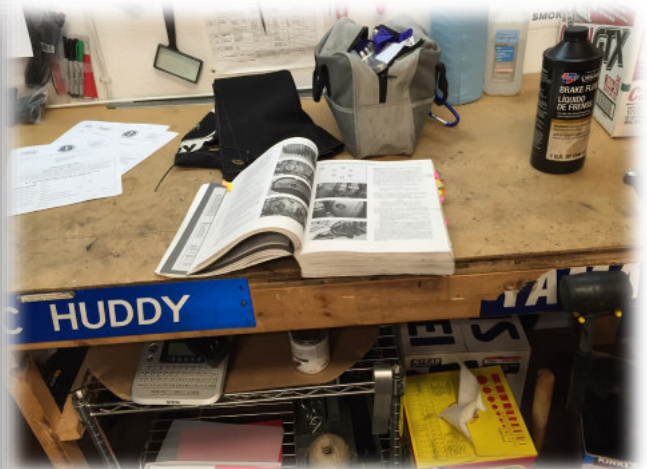
The BEFORE the boys had a go of it.



The AFTER



The owner's reaction to THE HAMMER.



What? Someone actually owns a shop manual.  
Marg Lang will go almost anywhere for a free meal...even from Canada.



Everyone has an opinion.



*Notes from Members*

**Marg Lang (Only Canadian Member):**

“Okay... Really enjoyed the Huddy's campout. Although it is noted if they did not want us they just had to say NO. But instead they once again incurred the wrath of mother nature on us once again. The 4 Canadians arrived on Friday and had traveled through wind, rain and snow most of the way. Also on the way home. I was so cold and tired when I was just a few blocks from home I dropped the bike at a red light. No damage... just my pride and always goeth before a fall...

Also I have to inform you due to lack of preregistration the Lunatic Fringe Rally has been cancelled. While I was in Mariposa touting the rally and trying to get people to register the powers to be back home were cancelling it. Oh well, less work for me but I hate to see it go as much work had been done and I miss seeing all the people.

Thanks Marg

Hey, I had lost my Café to Café sheet and did not have it with me so I stopped in Melrose at the Hitching Post for lunch. Took pictures. Got home and re-printed list and they are not even on it. Oh well.”

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***Mileage Contest***

Word from the Mileage Coordinator is that there are 20 players this year legally registered, going after that all elusive Gold Cup. Keep the wheels moving.

***Café to Cafe***

So far the the organizer–in-chief is remaining relatively quiet about how things are going but does report that as folks are getting out there, we are getting feedback about café's that we once liked may have gone belly up since we suggested them, or were last there. We're down to 37 cafes and there is a couple who seemed to have made the café to café competition their only life's work this year. Get out there and give it a go. It's riding season, folks.

***Philipsburg Meeting***



Small but dedicated crowd. Cake was brought for an anticipated 20 members and this small group did what they could.



Dreary day for some. Just another excuse to ride for others.