

# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Sounds like there was a good turnout for the June meeting. Thanks to Annie for running that meeting. I believe she reported that there were 20 riders representing our fair club at the Echo Lake Café in Bigfork. So good for all you attending as I recall the weather threatened rain and wind on that day; which was pretty representative for our spring weather this year. This latter part of June the weather has become very summer like. Even *Going to the Sun Road* is open.

As I write to you I'm enjoying the sweltering heat and humidity of NE Iowa. Family has trumped (no pun intended) having fun in the great weather of Montana & the great Northwest.

This trip has been an in your face reminder of what a great place we have to ride in and around Montana. People from all over the country have Montana roads and environs on their bucket lists. Of the 1,100 miles I traveled to arrive at our Iowa destination, we experienced miles and miles of long flat straight stretches of hot/humid pavement, not just on the super-slab but state and county roads. These roads follow the contours of longitudes and latitudes as well as bordering boundaries of large farms full of maturing corn crops. In contrast our Montana roads follow those beautiful physical geography of mountains, mountain streams, rivers and lakes. There is a lot of this great two lane pavement but lots of Forest Service roads too for dual sport opportunist. Another example: when researching Map Quest for the most scenic roads vs the fastest roads when headed to BMW MOA in Spokane in 2004, MapQuest recommended I-90 for both! And when you think about it, the roads through the mountains even on I-90 are stunning.

So no offense Iowa, Eastern Montana, NE Wyoming & South Dakota but in Montana we have the best riding in the county. Hope all of you get out and get a chance to enjoy them in the next few months! This is not to say you eschew the BMW MOA Rally in upstate New York in July. But personally I can think of a many more fun roads to ride locally and not take a harried 10 days off riding lots of flat, straight and hot roads to get there.

Look forward to seeing you in July at our club meeting in Bozeman.

Till then...Happy Trails!!

**CHUCK**



### CLUB CHARTER MEMBERSHIPS

BMWMOA #155

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### NEXT MEETING

**JULY 17**

**BOZEMAN**

**KOUNTRY KORNER KAFE**

**TIME: 1:00 PM**

### Cafe to Cafe

The Cafe 2 Cafe Ride is less than halfway through. Submissions must be to Kevin Huddy by 15 November. There is still time to register and rack-up a large number of cafes. Contact Kevin at [klhuddy@hotmail.com](mailto:klhuddy@hotmail.com) to get started. The current standings are :

Carol and Gary Graham: 33 cafes

Annie and Kevin Huddy: 30 cafes

Mike Meridith: 22 cafes

Steve Moore: 5 cafes

Larry Banister &  
John Webster 4 cafes

Dave McCormack 3 cafes

Chuck Reaves 1 cafe

---KLH

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## *Three Flags Volunteer Opportunity*

You may remember a previous notice concerning the Southern California Motorcycling Association's annual Three Flags Classic which runs for 3 days over Labor Day Weekend. Registered riders are making their way from Mexico to Canada and are required to pass through "checkpoints" along the way. One of those checkpoints will be in Helena in the parking lot of Jorgenson's Inns and Suites at 1714 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. I will be heading up the volunteer effort to man the check-point, provide refreshments for the riders and get their passports "officially stamped". If you've participated before, it's a great time to re-meet and gab with some serious men and women riders. Great Fun!

I am asking for volunteers to man shifts of 5 hours more or less. The proposed shift schedules will be as follows:

Saturday 9/3

1:00pm-7:00pm

Sunday 9/4

5:00am-10:00am

10:00am-3:00pm

3:00pm-7:00pm

Monday 9/5

5:00am-10:00am

10:00am-3:00pm

We would like to have 4 individuals/shift plus 2 people serving as the "check point captain and assistant". This will make a total of 6 people on duty to assist riders with refreshments, information, check in, passport stamping and general hospitality and conversation.

Prior to knowing the checkpoint hours I have the following individuals who have volunteered: Dick French, Kevin and Annie Huddy, Kim Lemke and Chuck Reaves (plus Liz and I).

So I'm looking for two things: 1) more volunteers and 2) preference for shift(s) so that we can begin the process of getting our manpower roster ready.

Info regarding the event can be found at the "Three Flags Classic" web site.

Thanks...if you have questions give me a call!

*Larry Banister - "Check point coordinator"*



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## Subject: BMW rider's campground for the Sturgis Rally

(Ed. Note: This note came to us from a club member and we felt you might be interested.)

Greetings!

One of our club members has secured a campground in the outskirts of Hot Springs, SD for the Sturgis rally week. Please pass this along to anyone in your club who may be planning to go this year. See his announcement below:

It's been more than 10 years since there was a good camping place for BMW riders to camp while at Sturgis. Remember the "Whispering Pines" campground? Well this year Jeff Ecker has reserved a group camping area for BMW and like minded enthusiasts at the "Allen Ranch campground" just .5 miles out of Hot Springs, South Dakota on highway 18. This quaint campground offers a lot of shade and a very nice creek situated in the mountains right outside of a lovely old spa and resort town of beautiful sand stone buildings. It's some 75 miles from Sturgis but most BMW riders don't really spend that much time in downtown Sturgis anyway. The cost per person to camp is a lousy \$7.00 and it has showers and is real close to grocery stores and places to go to eat. Jeff and associates will have lawn chairs, firewood and the coffee pot available at the campsite. We will not be featuring wet tee shirt contests, arm wrestling or loud pipes so if you are looking for real action, you need to be closer to downtown Sturgis. However we will host adventure riders, intellectuals (except for Jeff) and any help with mechanical issues and a quiet safe place to leave your stuff while you are riding, getting a new tattoo or looking at the girls in downtown Sturgis. Sturgis officially starts on Saturday August 6 this year.

For questions call Jeff at 678-622-1089 or [hoda-kajeff@yahoo.com](mailto:hoda-kajeff@yahoo.com)

Thanks !

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## Editor's Corner



As Chuck couldn't attend our gathering at Echo Lake he didn't get a chance to say "hello" or hob nob with those attending and... he didn't list those folks in his usual President's Corner squib. So, we grabbed a copy of the sign in sheet

and give you the list of the hardy souls who braved eminent rain and storms to get to one of our best attended meets: Gordon Phillips, Jeep; Wade Allred (riding with Gordon); John Torma, K1200LT, Bob Rennick, K1300S; Kevin Huddy, FJR 1300; Annie Huddy, F800GS; Terry Logan, R1200GS; John Were, R90/C w/sidecar; Jo Ann Were, with John above; Bart

Martyac, 1100RT; Dave Perry, R1100S—Guest; Ron Kitchen, R100T-Guest, Alastair MacLean, R100RT-



The Werre's...long time, no see. Welcome back.

Guest; Dave Grode, R1200GS; Greg Hintz, Goldwing; Don Deuel, Goldwing; Dave McCormack, Nissan Frontier; Todd Van Alstyne, R1200 GS.

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## Local Events and Rallies

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



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## 2016 RIDE SCHEDULE

JANUARY 16	SEELEY LAKE ... DOUBLE ARROW LODGE	A SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 21	AVON ... AVON CAFÉ	A SUNDAY
MARCH 20	WHITEHALL ... TWO BIT SALOON	A SUNDAY
APRIL 17	LINCOLN ... LAMBKINS	A SUNDAY
MAY 15	PHILIPSBURG ... SUNSHINE STATION	A SUNDAY
MAY 20-22	TECH DAY @ THE HUDDY'S—HELENA	A SAT. & SUN'
JUNE 18	BIG FORK ... ECHO LAKE CAFÉ	A SATURDAY
JULY 17	BOZEMAN ... KOUNTRY KORNER KAFE	A SATURDAY
AUGUST 14	WISDOM ... THE CROSSINGS RESTAURANT	A SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 17	FT. BENTON ... THE CLUB HOUSE	A SATURDAY
OCTOBER 16	OVANDO ... TRIxie'S SALOON	A SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 20	DRUMMOND ... WAGON WHEEL	A SUNDAY
DECEMBER 3	CHRISTMAS PARTY AT BIG SKY MOTORSPORTS	A SATURDAY

Monthly rides normally will occur on Sunday unless otherwise stated. Our standard meeting time is 1:00 pm to allow local restaurants to handle our crowd away of the normal lunch times.