

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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Montana BMW Riders



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I'm feeling like a grilled cheese sandwich; sandwiched between an early summer trip back to Iowa and a recent visit here from my North Carolina family, I am just now beginning to get some miles on the motorcycle; just in time to melt in the summer's current heat wave. As of today they have closed the main highway into Hamilton because of the Roaring Lion fire just south of Hamilton. It seems a typical August, which includes the beginning of the forest fire season, watching area rivers drop precipitously, and carefully picking your routes for places to ride and wherever you stop finding a shady spot! Another word for this time of year.... The Dog Days of Summer. Maybe this is a good time to start carrying your bathing suit in your motorcycle luggage. Find a nice wide spot along a river and hop in!

The winner of the drawing at the July club meeting, (whose name I did not get and I apologize) I'm sure he is now enjoying the cooling vest he won. At that meeting we had approximately a dozen riders. The place was the Kozy Korner Kafe outside Bozeman. The restaurant, a throw-back to the 70's, is a nice place with easy access, lots of room to spread out, and the food and service were excellent. So where was the Bozemanite that recommended this great venue, Mr. Guy Bonnard? Not there? Playing hooky, canoeing with his wife on the Missouri River. Ah Montana, you offer us sooo much. Good recommendation, Guy!

The meeting attendees were a mix of Bozeman and Helena riders with a couple from Missoula and Victor, yours truly R1100RS and newsletter editor Dave McCormack on his Spyder. From Bozeman...Mike Kreikemeier, R1200GS; Ernie Coulson, R1200RT; Bob Testut on his beautifully restored R60/5 airhead; new member Randy Babcock, R1200GS; and Sarge Hoem, R1200RT. From Helena...Steve Moore, R1200RT; and Mike Meredith, F800ST. And from Belt...the infamous Phil Haglund, F650GS.

The meeting next month will be one of our club favorites, based on participation. It's the Crossing Restaurant & Bar at the old Fetty's in Wisdom, Montana. That Big Hole has some

premium riding especially the Polaris Scenic Byway if you have never been on it. It's all paved so don't pay attention to those old maps. Awesome ride! Unfortunately, there is no GS ride in conjunction with the Wisdom ride. I'm hopeful someone will take up the GS/dual sport cause and organize an annual weekend on one of the great backroads we have in Montana.

Looking back, I am wishing I had started dual sport riding 20 years ago when I got back in to motorcycling. Now anything that's not easy, has me thinking of the risk/reward motif. In other words, the recovery time for me for mistakes on the dirt roads, may not be worth the thrill. I almost limited-out with my famous get-off ride back in April trying to negotiate mud & snow to get to Garnet ghost town. But alternatively, last week, Dick French, Larry Banister & myself trekked across the Jocko Lakes Road that goes between Hiway 93 at Arlee

NEXT MEETING

1:00 P.M., SUNDAY

AUGUST 14

WISDOM

THE CROSSING'S CAFE & BAR

and ends up coming out at Placid Lake to the east 30 miles away. It's an easy dirt road. On this backroad tour our "risk reward" was taking in some great scenery, several deer, and one of the biggest black bears I've ever seen. That jaunt is through and across an area, which borders the Mission Mountain Wilderness. It's a road administered by the state, county, Forest Service and Tribe. Definitely a memorable ride

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and way more pleasant to remember than the April get-off.

Are you participating in the Café 2 Café? I recently heard a comment from Mike Meredith of Helena. Mike is one of the club's multiple 100 thousand mile riders. He commented with the Café 2 Café he is enjoying more riding this summer. He's going to places he hasn't been in years or never been to. Not sure what his café numbers are but he's up in the 30's. To me Café 2 Cafe gives you lots of great scenarios for riding. For one, where to go is decided. There's a goal and reason to ride. Additionally, after you do the close ones you can have some fun planning multiple days where you pick how you ride to them. Going to the Jersey Lily in Ingomar? Don't think you'll find a motel anywhere out there. And to complicate things, the creator for this whole Café 2 Café, Mr. Kevin Huddy, only allows you to capture 3 in a single day. So planning how you can efficiently make as many as possible in an outing is a fun challenge. Another reason... once you've done the easy/close ones, calling up a fellow club member or friend to go with, makes the rides a lot more fun. It's a great way to establish some riding relationships, especially if you don't ride with a spouse. As has been said, "Finding a compatible riding partner is harder than finding a spouse"! It's one of the goals of this club (and I don't mean finding spouses).

By the way, I just had a conversation with BMW Club historian and past president Kim Lemke. He reminded me that this year is our 30th year of being a chartered club with BMW. Congrats, we must be doing something right! In the same vein of motorcycle camaraderie, our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Cole Boehler, motorcycle rider and author of *Riding Montana* and *Riding Idaho*, who tragically drowned this past spring. His memorial service was earlier this summer. So, if you haven't started the Café 2 Café or have been ambivalent about it, I think you'll find it rewarding and a lot of fun. The Café 2 Café Challenge doesn't end till November 1.

This month, as stated we will be in Wisdom. Date is Sunday, August 14th. Time 1:00 PM.


Hope to see you there. Bring a friend.

Happy Trails!!

Chuck

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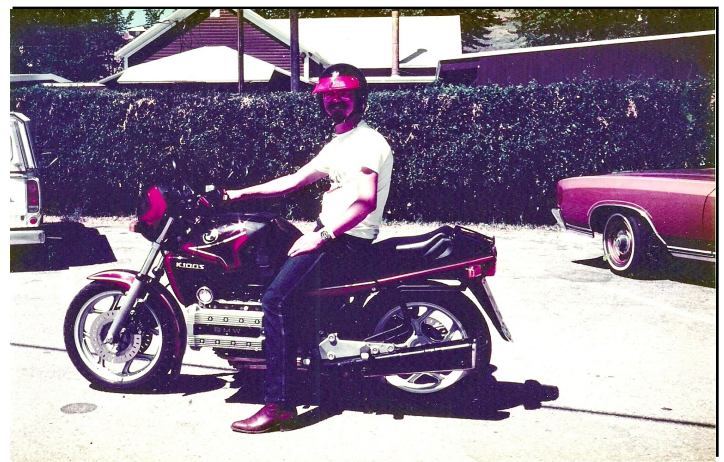
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MILEAGE CONTEST CORNER

Mileage Junkies!!!...My hat's off to Kevin Huddy for initiating the Café to Café contest....maybe also known as the "Ride and Eat"? Anyway, I've been after getting the café's and in the process noted a bunch of my BMW brethren (and sisters!!) entering and exiting the same establishments. It is a fun process. Interesting, talking with Chuck Reaves about a previous endeavor to encourage riding...getting your picture taken in front of various county courthouses....he indicated he only remembered one person trying that. So it would look like we like the combination of riding and eating a lot more than riding to the county courthouse! Have a safe summer, ride safe and a lot and I'll be looking forward to receiving your season completing mileage in October.

Larry Banister
Mileage Coordinator-Montana BMW Riders



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SAFETY CORNER

Interesting safety article in the AMA magazine this month on target fixation. Summarizing the concept, you tend to go directly toward what you're looking at (or fixating on). For example, running wide in a corner....anxiety rises... you look toward the closing guard rail or ditch and guess what??...you find your self being drawn toward the very location you're trying to avoid... the guard rail or ditch! See the huge chuck hole looming in your immediate path of travel....fixate on it and guess what???...your bike is captured by a tractor beam which draws you right into the center of that chuck hole!! So the solution...well there are many...but for the purpose of discussing target fixation, the solution is to look where you want to go, not at the object you're trying to avoid. In MSF speak, you're looking for the clear path of travel that will take you around or away from the obstacle or danger. So as you continue your summer's riding, practice looking up and well ahead, seeking the "clear path of travel" and you will find you've started the process of avoiding target fixation!

Larry Banister, Safety Mom

SPECIAL LATE BREAKING NEWS:

BMW-MOA has chosen Salt Lake City for next year's rally site. Mid July.

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GUEST COLUMN

By Tom Wrobel

(This article was sent in by Tom to the Editor, Dave McCormack)

Dave,
Just so you know that old BMW 650's with old guys (78) still function ...

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"BUCKET LIST"

Back home... Cross the ride to Prudhoe Bay off my list!!!

Son Randy, Mike Everman and I, departed Cascade at 0800, 20 June... we returned at 1700 on 1 July.



Tom



We rode the original ALCAN Highway from Great Falls to Fairbanks, AL. where we stayed overnight at Eielson AFB arriving the evening of 24 June. The next morning we departed for

Prudhoe Bay, on the infamous Haul Road (Dalton Highway) which is 830 miles of the worst roads in North America. Half way is the village of Cold Foot, where the only fuel is available once you head north, until you reach Prudhoe Bay. Due to decreasing weather conditions, we chose not to spend the night at Cold Foot, becoming the first motorcycles this season to make it non-stop from Fairbanks to Prudhoe. We arrived 14.5 hours after leaving the AFB. After a good night's sleep, hot food, \$6.50 a gallon gas, FOG, Rain and 38 degree weather,, we sucked it up and headed south,,, 12 hrs. Later, we arrived back at Eielson AFB.

The last up, first back wet, inches of the your had to lock but of us bikes.



30 miles going 30 miles coming were the worst, loose gravel 6-8 deep with some rock the size of fist. Each of us moments of lock tank slappers,,, somehow none dumped the

We Departed the AFB the morning of the 27th, when we arrived at Nugget City, we turned south and headed to Prince George BC, the down hwy-97 to Kamloops BC, then too Grand Forks BC, we crossed the border north of Spokane, headed east on I-90,,to Missoula and on to Helena, then home to Cascade after 6000 miles.

This was a trip of a Lifetime, every other journey will be an easy after this one...

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THREE FLAGS CLASSIC UPDATE

Three Flags Classic-Labor Day weekend, Sept 3,4, & 5, 2016 update:

We have had a great response from our Montana BMW Riders volunteering to help us with the check point. The actual check point will open at 1:00pm on Sept 3rd and will be open from 1:00-7:00pm on Sept 3; open at 5:00am through 7:00pm on Sept 4th; and from 5:00am to 2:00pm on Monday, Sept 5. Our job will be to provide food, fellowship, stamp the participants passports and generally "smooze" on them during their stop-over. In order to "complete" their 3 Flags Classic, each participant must turn in their passport, appropriately date/time stamped and signed by a checkpoint person at each check-point....and they must come through during the time the check-point is officially open.

The checkpoint will be physically located in the parking lot of Jorgenson's Inn and Suites, 1717 11th Ave., Helena, MT.

Our Montana BMW Rider volunteers are: Chuck Reaves, Kim Lemke, Kevin and Annie Huddy, Larry & Liz Banister, Dick

French and Sandy Knudson and John Webster. In addition to these folks we have 10 volunteers from the Montana Christian Motorcyclists Association, which gives us a total of 18. Prior to the actual event, I will be emailing a schedule to all volunteers which will show them the shift to which they've been assigned. Kevin and Annie Huddy have agreed to "co-captain" the check point with Liz and I.

We are still open to additional volunteers, so if you want to join the fun, please contact me at beemermt@msn.com or give me a call at 406-728-8914.

If you're interested in the details of this classic event, you can type "3 Flags Classic" into your web browser and get the history, plus the route and checkpoint information for this years run.

Thanks in advance for all who've volunteered to help, I look forward to seeing "all you all" over Labor Day weekend in Helena.

Larry Banister

3 Flags Classic Helena Check Point Co-Captain

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Bozeman Meeting Pix.



All About Ethanol: Many folks have expressed concern about pulling into a single hosed gas pump that might have lot of ethanol laced gas in it from the last user. On good authority we've checked and it is now clear that there is at most 1/3 of a gallon left in the hose of whatever was last pumped. Preference is always for a single hose per Octane, but when not available, worry less now about the single hose issue.

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RANDOM PICTURES OF OUR MEMBERS IN VARIOUS PLACES



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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 16	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.

