

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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Montana BMW Riders



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NEXT MEETING

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 20 @ 1:00 PM

DRUMMOND

THE WAGON WHEEL CAFE

President's Corner



You notice you are getting older when... no, no, let's not go there. As I sat down to scribe this article, whether it's getting older or just being unaware of how fast a year goes, I first dated this article as October instead of November. Hello! My, how time flies. Well, there were actually a few good riding days the last week of October unlike the rest of the early fall. So, I think it just boils down to my wishful thinking. I'm not ready for the season to close, especially after looking at my annual miles, turned in to Larry for the mileage contest. I must admit I was hoping to add to the embarrassing total before putting the cover on and rolling Old Silver into the garage. Thankfully, yesterday was one of those unusually nice days. Listening to the warmer weather forecast, Kim Lemke and I decided to take advantage. Who knows, it may be the one last ride of the season. The forecast, sunny skies and 59 degrees, did come true even though it was still 39' at 1:30 PM. We donned the electrics and circumnavigated one of our favorite rides, the good ole Mizzoo to Ovando to Helmsville to Drummond and back to Mizzoo-loop. I love that ride venue! Perfect in time and distance; perfect stops at the Stray Bullet for a sandwich and The Wagon Wheel for pie; perfect for scenery; and perfect for the varied roads to ride, including the curvaceous canyon

just north of Drummond (Hwy 271). And it did get to 59 degrees, but lingered there only a short time. Needless to say, the window of opportunity for riding in late October is abbreviated. Still it was great fun, great fellowship and a great ride. Great minds think alike and though we did not see any motorcyclists out in the first half of the ride, the number increased exponentially about the time we started through that little canyon just above Drummond. One thing for sure in Montana, you just never know about the weather, whether fall or any season. So if you didn't get out then, hopefully somewhere in this late fall season, there will be a similarly nice day to get you out on a favorite jaunt before those little white flakes start to fall.

As per our ride yesterday, Kim and I discovered the Wagon Wheel in Drummond still serves great homemade pie, cream pie or fruit pie with ice cream! Coincidentally, that is where our next club meeting is. Set the date on your calendar to Sunday, November 20th. Cross your fingers that it will also be another unusually nice day to ride.



Changing oil, getting the bikes ready for winter is just one of the rites of the late fall season. For myself, another is ordering the books (I go to half.com) that will help me get through western Montana's long winter's nap. I have a strong liking

for motorcycle tales from favorite authors; Peter Egan and Clement Salvadori. One of those will be a giveaway at the next meeting. I was going for a heated jacket but our new Secretary/Treasurer, Chris Keyes, decided he was being tested and put his foot down. So, for this year you'll have to stay warm with a book. At the October meeting at Trixie's in Ovando 13 members were treated to good weather though the forecast kept most from riding their motorbikes. As always Trixie's served up good food and great service. Having that separate meeting room makes Trixie's a great venue.

The hardcore riders...from Helena, Annie Huddy-F800GS, Bob Rennick-K1200S. From Missoula, Greg Hintz-Honda Goldwing and John Webster-K1200LT. From



Lolo, new member Tony Braunreiter-K1300S. And from Townsend, Lance Lerum-R60.

Those who give media forecasters too much credit (weenies)...Chuck Reaves, Dave McCormack, Jerry Abbott, Brad Wonnacott, Laurie Hintz, Dick French & guest, Sandy Knudsen. Sandy is a good sport hanging out with us and really dresses up our image.

We're trying to do few new things with the newsletter. One of our heroes, Bob

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Rennick, is working on an article on weather widgets that could help riders plan their rides or help when touring in sketchy weather. He hopes to have it ready for the December issues. We'd love to have more articles from our members relating to anything of interest to riders. Whether it be roads ridden, rallies attended, farkles that are amazing, or like Bob's article, websites that help make the journey better or safer but especially more enjoyable. Looking around the table at each meeting, I note we have a lot of riders with a whole lot of experience. How about passing some of that knowledge on. You don't have to be a Clem Salvadori or Peter Egan to get in this newsletter, this article being a good example.

Don't forget to get in your recommendations for monthly ride locations you'd like to see on next year's ride schedule.

Till Drummond and pie, take care, be safe, be warm, and hope to see you at The Wagon Wheel November 20th. Bring a friend.'

Happy Trails!!

Chuck

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Mileage Corner

I don't know about the rest of you, but it seems that fall "fell" and early at that. I've been putting off winterizing my bike, hoping for the return of the nice fall days. Unfortunately, the opening day of hunting season took the last two really nice days! So, we'll see. I've still not done the winterizing, but may have to give in soon.

In the meantime, I've received ending mileage figures from Ave Forseth, Annie Huddy, Marg Lang, Kim Lemke, Mike Meredith, Dave McCormack, and Chuck Reaves and of course mine!

So, If you're an player (and that includes Randy Carpenter, Ernest Coulson, Gary Graham, Carol Graham, Chris Keyes, Mike and Donna McInerney, Tom Moe, Gordon Phillips, John Torma and John Webster) and you want to be included in our final

"sound and light show" at the annual Christmas Party, I need to hear from you with your final mileage.

Thanks again for entering our 2016 contest and for submitting your mileage...it's a tough job, but someone has to do it! Looking forward to seeing you at our annual Christmas Party, December 3rd at Big Sky Motorsports.

Larry Banister

Mileage Coordinator—MT BMW Riders

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Editor's Corner

On the way up to Lochsa Lodge for a breakfast one day last week, I had more time in the helmet to think about things "motorcycling". This was at roughly 8:45 a.m. and 33 degrees. The air was crisp and the colors of the Larch (Tamarack) were on display against the darkened stumps of a previous fire. The river to the south, Lolo Creek, was running a little higher than the last time I rode up here and it felt like a real fall day...sharp, cold and empty of vehicles. There were even chunks of ice caught in side eddies.

I recollected some of my favorite rides from years ago because of the scents and scenes... you know that feeling when something triggers a memory... sometimes an aroma or maybe a vista.

The "triggered" memory was several years ago when riding with a small group of friends. We had just finished riding the 132 curves in the 32 mile stretch of the Hell's Canyon road between Enterprise and Clarkston, Washington (that's the best I can remember of the stretch, so don't quote me on the actual curves and miles...but it is challenging ... did it twice in one day with a friend on a dare). We overnighted in Clarkston, Washington. It was about this time of year. We had a habit of getting up early and skipping the motel Froot Loop breakfast and trying get

at least the first 100 miles in before earning a real breakfast. As an aside, I don't understand motorcyclists/bikers that sleep in, have the alleged free breakfast at the hotel/motel and then finally get rolling around 10 O'clock. The best part of the riding day has been wasted.

We headed out super early and were going to take the cut off that leads to



Kooskia and Highway 12 from Clarkston, and then head for home in the Bitterroot. The breakfast target was Lochsa Lodge, 175 miles away. It was cold, crisp and empty...but foggy in drifting patches, a reason to keep the speed down. As the sun warmed the road and brought enough light to eyeball for animals we picked up some speed. The road seemed to undulate and twist through scenic farms and ramshackle areas, rusting equipment covered in weeds. It was one of those glorious "glad I'm riding" moments. We traversed Highway 12 from Clarkston, then turned onto 95 south and then caught highway 162 back towards highway 12 with Kamiah as the reentry point. We ate our reward at Lochsa Lodge at 9:30a.m., Idaho time.

My riding companion the other day was a club member and when we arrived at the Lodge he was trying to get the blood flowing back into his hands (he has heated grips that don't heat beyond the grip covers but did have an electric vest). At breakfast, we jokingly talked about how we should develop a dictation device for the helmet so we can capture thoughts and recollections that begin in the helmet, then transcribe them later when we have

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a keyboard and computer.

Well, I'm not sure all private conversations we have with ourselves in our helmets warrant an article but surely some of those thoughts ought to be captured and shared.

Do me a favor and scribble down some of you helmet thoughts, even two liners and e-mail them to me for the editor's corner. You'll get author credit in case you need to beef up your resume. Should make for interesting reading during the winter months when there's nothing to do but wander out to the garage and consider 'farkle' opportunities. And, think of some new cafés to pass on to Kevin Huddy for next year's Café to Café challenge.

Dave McCormack
Editor

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Winter Ready

By **Andy Main**
Our Favorite Mechanic
@
Big Sky Motorsports

Another Montana winter is here and it is time to store the bike. The last thing you want in the spring is to have that first nice day in late March when all your friends want to ride and your bike won't start. A little fall prep work can go a long way to prevent any problems come spring. Here is a list of a few things to remember:

Battery charger. There are many available models to fit any budget, starting at the \$30-\$40 range for an simple plug in charger, up to the \$80-\$100 chargers that can be programmed for any battery you may have (bike/car/lawn mower/boat). The main thing is to know what battery you have and use the appropriate charger. If your bike lives in a heated garage, just plug in and you are good to go. If it stays cold in storage, you may want to remove the battery and take it inside. In theory a charged battery shouldn't have any issues with the temps we see here in Montana, but with the prices of some of the batteries in our

bikes I wouldn't risk it. Once a battery freezes it is junk. The other thing to think about is how long to charge the battery. Most of the chargers now have a storage mode that allows the battery to be connected constantly without over charging. Some of the older chargers don't have this feature and could possibly damage the battery if connected for a long period of time. BMW recommends that if the battery is connected to the bike (i.e. still has a slight draw from the electronics) it should be fully charged once a month. If it is unhooked from the bike, you could let it go for a few more weeks.

Fuel stabilizer. The best way to store a bike is with a full tank of fuel. More fuel means less room for condensation and less chance of water building up in your tank. Next is Ethanol. How do we deal with the fuel in the tank? There are many options out there for fuel stabilizers. I've heard of people having good results with Stabil. Personally I've had good results with Star Tron fuel treatment. My wife's dirt bike may get ridden once or twice a year and usually the worst I have to deal with is draining the carb before the next ride. Ok, now the tank is full of treated fuel, start the bike and run it for a while to get that fuel circulated through the entire fuel system. It doesn't do any good to have a full tank of good gas in the spring if the carbs are full of untreated fuel that has plugged all the jets. On that note, I have yet to see anything that can be added to the fuel tank after the fact that will clean carb jets properly. They will need to come off the bike and be taken apart.

Tires. This note is more for spring riding than fall storage. Tires lose pressure. It isn't as noticeable in the summer when we are riding regularly and checking pressure frequently. But after 4-5 months' storage, a tire that had 36 psi when parked could drop as much as 50-60% or more. So that first ride in the spring your front tire could be as low as 18-20 psi. A tire that is run with low pressure could be damaged and have a shortened life span. Personally I like to get as much life out of my tires as I can, considering the cost of new ones. Just a few ideas to keep in mind before

the bike gets parked and the skis hit the snow. And as always the crew here at Big Sky Motorsports is always happy to help with any motorcycle questions you may have.

Andy

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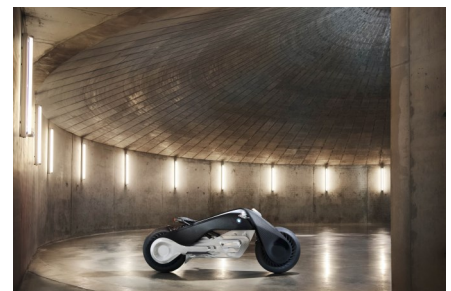
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ARTICLE WORTH READING...

Gordon Phillips sent along a URL about the BMW Motorrad Vision as previewed at a recent show. We're providing you with the URL. Copy and paste it to your browser for an interesting read.

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Emailed text is preferred. Photos as attachments. Signed articles do not necessarily reflect the consensus of the clubs or its officers.

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 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 PART 5 PM — 8 PM A SATURDAY AT BIG SKY MOTORSPORTS

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. Please try to observe this custom, as we want to be invited back to many of our ride restaurants.

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CLUB HISTORY CORNER

A little nostalgia offered by Kim Lemke, our club historian. It was 1991 that the club was chartered and your club is looking at ways to celebrate... t-shirts, hoodies, stickers or something that suggests that we're one of the oldest motorcycle clubs in Montana. Submit ideas to any of the individuals listed at the right.

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Montana BMW Riders

This is to certify that as of this 16th day of March, 1991 the aboved named BMW motorcycle club is officially registered as Chapter No. 72 District No. 11 with the international BMW RIDERS ASSOCIATION, Inc. and is entitled to all rights and privileges granted under the provisions of the Constitution and by-laws thereof.

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RANDOM PICTURES OF CLUB MEMBERS AND VENUES.



From the history files... OMG, is that Jim Iverson as a young man?



Wagon Wheel Motel & Cafe

Our next meeting ...November 20th, Drummond 1pm...bring a friend.

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