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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



As per every year since I turned forty, 2016 like each and every succeeding year, has gone by faster than the year before. But I think '16 was a good one for our club. We celebrated our 30th year as Beemerphiles. We still have several of the original and founding members coming to meetings on a regular basis and helping work to make this a better club; Kim Lemke, Larry Banister, Ed & Dick Field, John Beyrau, & Lynn Springer.

So right here and now let me give a heartfelt thanks to those members & all the members of the club who have helped to keep it going forward. Our newsletter under Dave McCormack has evolved to a Pulitzer Prize winning motorcycle newsletter with great articles and pictures. Mike Wright, who put the web site together, has been an Ace, keeping it going and keeping us all up to date. If you want to know what's happening our website is the place to go. And amazingly, though we bring in new members to the club that are friends or riding buddies, our website has become the place most of our new membership comes from; it's not just for keeping club members apprised of what's happening. Thanks again Mike. Thanks to Larry Banister, our "utility fielder". The Christmas Party would not happen without he and wife Liz! During the year he's kept us informed with his newsletter safety articles, all the while keeping the tone light and amusing. And in the process of keeping us safe, he has motivated us to ride more and farther as the Godfather of the Mileage Contest.

And speaking of riding more miles, thanks to Kevin Huddy for creating & organizing the Café 2 Café. This has been one of the clubs newest and most fun catalyst for riding in many years. Thanks to recently retired Secretary/Treasurer, Annie Huddy, for her time & dedication keeping finances on track and membership organized. I have also appreciated her great ideas and leadership. Congratulations to Annie on recently surpassing

100,000 miles ridden on BMW motorcycles! Thanks to both she and Kevin for volunteering their time and expertise (not to mention their own money) for the annual Tech Session the past three years at the Huddy Outpost in Helena. Chris Keyes, "Our Youngest Member" (I don't think he likes that moniker) has taken over as the new Secretary/Treasurer. Chris has been an enthusiastic member for the past couple of years. I appreciate Chris stepping up and hope you will all get to know him better by sending in your membership dues for 2017 asap. J My recent pans of other motorcycle clubs in the NW shows we are ½ of what most others charge.

Thanks also to past presidents, Ed Field and Kim Lemke, for their input and advice at our executive meetings. Especially to Kim, for passing on all the great motorcycle media, via email, as well as motivating me by invitation to get together for some short rides (he enables my pie addiction) especially knowing he has been a close care-giver to his pillion pal & wife Rogene the past 2 years. Thanks to Terry Kay who has been busy behind the scenes the last few years, organizing dual sport rides, making and printing club logos/banners/calendars as well running our Facebook page. See our Facebook page to enjoy additional club pictures and find out about the club's events, past & present.

Thanks to you all. No way would we have the great club we do without all the time and input of these folks and paying members. Salute!

Our last meeting of the year at the *Wagon Wheel* in Drummond showed a great turnout. Even with temps in the 30's most of the 16 members that arrived rode in on two wheels. From Bozeman: Mike Kreikermeier R1200GS. From Townsend:



Lance Lerum R1100R. From Arlee: Don Duel, last year's mileage winner, Honda Goldwing. From Helena: Annie Huddy F800GS, Kevin Huddy Yamaha Super T, John Beyrau, Bob Rennick K1300S, Mike Meredith F800ST. From Missoula: John Torma K1200LT, Greg Hintz Honda Goldwing, Tony Braunreiter K1300S, Chris Keyes, Kim Lemke, Chuck Reaves, Dick French & guest & chaperone, Sandy Knutsen. Dave McCormack from Vic-

tor. I think another Salute! is in order here, and I know Chris Keyes was amazed and pleased that almost everyone at Drummond re-upped their memberships at the meeting. Whoo Hoo!

So for 2016, in case you were wondering, we are a club of about 80 paid members. We are bringing in enough income to

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keep the ship balanced between debits and credits. We're able to have giveaways at meetings, pay for our club affiliations, put on the Christmas party, pay for some gift certificates for high mileage riders as well recognition t-shirts for Café 2 Café winners and a few special items each year. In short, the club is in good physical as well as fiscal shape.

That's about it for 2016. I'll say Merry Christmas to all and to all...I hope to see you at Big Sky Motorsports Saturday night, December 3rd. And I look forward to seeing you all out on the road in the New Year. Happy Trails till then.

Chuck

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Editor's Corner

by Dave McCormack



As the Editor of this here little newsletter, I'm not sure when I volunteered to take over editorship, that Chuck knew I would be writing columns too. He may have assumed I was just going to take

the inputs, arrange them neatly in columns and ship the result to Mike Wright for posting on our website. Nope, I took this job as an opportunity to add some observations to the newsletter and hopefully encourage members to submit articles, pictures, or comments about the whole business of riding.

So, this month I want to share a recent story about a 50 something relative calling me up and asking for advice on purchasing her 1st ever motorcycle. Anytime I've been asked for advice about buying a bike, I've started with the "go take a class first" comment. Most times I never heard back. Well, this relative called and said, "I just took the beginning rider course, passed it and got my endorsement too". She must have set up an appointment with the local California DMV in advance, never thinking she would fail the course. I was caught flat footed. I never developed a plan for the person who took my advice and then wanted to talk about the next steps.

Someone who has used her brain to figure out that you need training first before embarking on what we all know can be a dangerous activity, is clearly someone who will take your input seriously. My mind immediately went to my old teaching days as an MSF instructor. I tried vainly to remember what was next. I blundered along with things like clothing, safety, helmets, and all that stuff (Chapter 2 in the MSF book). She had already scoped all that out but wanted to talk more about motorcycle size, power, weight, horsepower, ride by wire, tire and wheel size, etc. I desperately tried to think of a way to give myself time to think of all the things I've learned over the years so I hit

on, "You need to decide what kind of riding you plan to do. Call me when you've got that figured out."

Two days went by and she was back on the phone saying, "Mostly asphalt for the 1st 5,000 miles but an occasional dirt road might be fun. I still work, so only weekends and a rare overnighter with a friend. And, I want to lane split on the Oakland Bay Bridge to San Francisco to commute to work" (This is the one I really choked on - see note at the end of the article). I don't know what your response would be to those specs, but I soldiered on with ideas like the single cylinder bikes and the twins, including BMW F & G series, the RnineT, some of the Triumphs, the venerable KLR650, the Versys, the Suzuki VStrom family, and Honda's CTX700N, but stayed away from Italian, Chinese, and Milwaukee bikes.

While I was trying to think of how to slow her down, she sent me a spreadsheet that was 25 columns wide covering all the bikes she was considering with a column for everything from wheel size to number of gears to warranty length, new or used models, seat height, gas mileage, horsepower, cc's, etc., etc., etc. and her own dimensions...32" inseam, short torso with short reach to the handlebars and her weight. I had stumbled into a female cage fighter's den.

She'd done all the work I would have done over several months in just a few days. The next session on the phone was my attempt again to slow her down and suggest to her to find a dealer who would either let her test ride bikes or rent a bike to get the full effect of the issues she was most concerned about. I was already getting a sense of where she was headed in terms of a bike (you can start guessing here too), but decided to try to stay neutral. We talked about other subjects of interest to her and I began to feel like my 40 years of riding were suddenly going to be useful to someone. As it turned out, she **bought a bike** before we had really finished what I thought would be a 2 to 3 month research project. You see, she's a Doctor, a Critical Care Doctor, so money for a bike and all the accessories for a first timer were not an issue. And, she's used to making hard decisions fast.

Unbeknownst to me, I was working against advice from those darn instructors in the MSF beginning rider course and a friend who had been riding for a while. As it turned out, she bought a new bike much to my surprise because at first, I had recommended 400cc bikes as a starter bike. There used to be standard 400 cc bikes around. Now a 'standard bike' starts at 650cc and about 500 lbs. Not a great start for a fragile woman with no experience. She is no shrinking violet and is in to aggressive sports and has double knee surgery to prove it. I implored her to get her riding gear first before getting on her new rig.

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My point to this article? ...It might be useful for all of us to think of what kind of mental cheat sheet we would want to have ready when asked for advice about a first bike or a step up from a starter bike. We have a lifetime of experience to share and getting it down to just the 'meat' for folks might be something you want already sitting in your mental desk drawer. Second point is, make sure your cheat sheet takes your personal biases out. I have a fondness for Kawasaki engines, Suzuki transmissions and Honda reliability, for example and clearly a leaning toward our club sponsor, BMW. I tried to be neutral and just stick to features, but sometimes got sidetracked with my own biases. Her new bike can go in the dirt but not really. For that she might have been better off with the F/G series BMW's. I said to her, "this is your first bike, not your last, so don't expect it to be good at everything" ... and like many riders in this club say, "You can never have too many bikes".

Lastly, the whole effort gave me a chance to mentally tally up my 40 years of riding and condense them down to the essence of my motorcycle experience. It's amazing what we pile up in terms of knowledge that can be shared, what we've personally experienced and how many items or farkles we've tried and discarded. As new and old riders find us, we should be ready to pull out our abbreviated plan and give them the real nuggets about this thing we call motorcycling.

Oh, by the way, you'll find a picture of her bike on the last page.

(Note: California just passed a law that legalizes lane splitting. Before that it was not against the law... just wasn't clarified either. You could get a ticket for lane splitting under certain circumstances. It was at the officer's discretion. The biggest issue is not going faster than 10 mph of the traffic through which you are lane splitting. California has a huge motor officer pool and they need to be able to lane split to get to accidents and other emergencies.)

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Predicting Storms and Staying Dry

By Bob Rennick

Most of us use one of the popular weather applications such as Accuweather or Weather Underground to get a good overall idea of what the weather will be like where we plan to ride. And although these apps provide a myriad of weather data and information, I find myself focusing on the radar maps to predict storm movement and choose the best route. While out on the road earlier this summer I got tired of searching through weather websites just to find the radar map. So, I began looking for a small app that would take me directly to the radar information. What I ulti-

mately did was download and compare several radar widgets. For those not familiar with widgets, they are small applications made up of a limited number of programs that "live" on your phone's home screen and generally perform one specific function. Examples of widgets you probably already have on your phone include a flashlight, calendar, and shopping list.

The number of weather applications available to the public (either full websites or in the form of widgets) is astonishing. To narrow my focus, I selected* widgets having the highest ratings amongst users and the best reviews in publications like PC magazine. In the end I took a close look at the following widgets:

- Weather Radar Widget
- Radar Express
- RadarNow!
- Storm
- NOAA Weather Radar
- MyRadar

The most common feature of these widgets is that they show the intensity and movement of precipitation storm cells. The animated image is a composite of data (usually from the National Weather Service) from multiple radar stations. An exception to this is RadarNow!, which displays precipitation within approximately 150 miles of one specific radar station. As you move the map around the display shifts from one station to another. This takes some getting used to but the radar detail is very good. Most widgets, however, use the composite radar image and this allows one to see precipitation patterns over larger areas.

The precipitation data are displayed on a basic highway map in all the widgets, although some allow you to use terrain or satellite images as the base map. The free version of these widgets has advertisements that run at the top or bottom of the screen, which results in a slightly smaller map image compared to the version you can upgrade to for a small fee.

Differentiators among these widgets are the length of time of the animation sequence, whether the animation speed is controllable, the number of images used to make the composite, and the clarity of the image. Some display radar from as little as 30 minutes ago while others go back over an hour. Although 30 minutes is generally sufficient to predict storm movement, I preferred the ones that provide at least 60 minutes of past data. That amount of time gives you a very good feel for the speed, direction, and intensity of storm cells as they move through an area. Of note is the **Storm** widget, which not only provides animation over the previous 70 minutes but also shows how the storm cells are likely to move in the next five

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hours; a unique and particularly useful feature.

Based on this general review, I have to say that the **Storm** program ranks near the top of the list of these particular widgets. Not only does it provide 70 minutes past/5 hour future storm animation, it has other useful features that enhance the radar function. These include hourly precipitation and temperature forecasts and other map overlays such as animated wind speed and flow direction. The next best in my opinion are: **MyRadar** (60 minute past animation, regular and high definition modes, smooth animation, aerial terrain base map in addition to road map, wind movement/direction) and **Weather Radar Widget** (adjustable animation speed, satellite base map in addition to road map).

***Downloading/Installing Widgets:** An easy way to get a radar widget (or a weather app) for your phone is to go to the Google Play Store if you have a smartphone (Android Operating System) or to the Apple App Store if you have an iPhone (iOS). Your phone should have come with an icon that will take you to its app store, but if not simply search for the store using the internet browser. For example, in the Google browser window type "play store". Once at the store, just type "radar widgets" in the search box and all the widgets (and other weather apps) will be listed. Click on the one of interest and then click "install" and it will download to your phone.

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Mileage Contest

by Larry Banister

Ta Da! We not only have a winner but a great number of faithful road junkies who completed our 2016 Montana BMW Riders Mileage Contest. The winner will be announced at our Christmas party on December 3rd and will receive a \$75.00 gift certificate to Big Sky BMW. All the other official participants will have their names put into a hat and we'll draw one lucky recipient out of the hat for a \$50.00 gift Certificate to Big Sky BMW. Here is the list of "official participants" who submitted beginning and ending mileage within the specified dates and who are qualified to 1) win and/or 2) participate in the "also ran" drawing for \$50.00: Gary Armstrong, Larry Banister, Ave Forseth, Gary Graham, Carol Graham, Annie Huddy, Chris Keyes, Marg Lang, Kim Lemke, Dave McCormack, Donna McInerney, Mike McInerney, Mike Meredith, Chuck Reaves and John Webster.

I'll have the roster of all who participated available the evening of December 3rd, so if you're interested in getting your final mileage, I'll have it. In the meantime, thanks to all who participated. It provides some fun, a chance to ride and visit and a little incentive to submit your mileage. See you on the 3rd.

Larry Banister

Mileage Contest Coordinator-Montana BMW Riders

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Café to Café Results

The 2016 Cafe 2 Cafe ride is over and the winners have been determined. Each will receive recognition for their gastronomic achievements at the club holiday gathering on December 3, at Big Sky Motorsports. Plans are afoot to make some changes to next year's C2C format. For example, all of the club's monthly ride locations will be on the C2C list; there will be new categories of competition in order to allow members that are not retired a chance to show their prowess in searching for chow; and the list of cafes will be modified on the basis of rider input and to reduce the chances of a tie for first. Thanks to all who participated and we look forward to seeing you all on the Quest for Cuisine next year.

1st Place (36 cafes): Carol Graham, Gary Graham
Mike Meredith
Annie Huddy, Kevin Huddy

Senior Division: Carol Graham, Gary Graham
Mike Meredith

Long Distance: Donna & Mike McInerney,



Kevin Huddy
Café to Café Captain

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We're on the Web:

www.mtBMWriders.org

CDC Toy Run - December 3rd Charity Opportunity

The Missoula Area Motorcyclists sponsor a toy run for the families of the Missoula Child Development Center. The day will be December 3rd. The families of CDC will be waiting the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Santa (in a sidecar!!) at the Missoula Alliance Church at 100 E. Foss Court at 11:00am. We would like help from our BMW riders as follows:

There are toy boxes in all of the motorcycle shops, including Big Sky Motorsports. If you will bring new, unwrapped toys and place them in the boxes, we'll pick them up and have them at church for the families. Secondly, we'd love to have you come. If the weather permits riding, please meet in the parking lot in front of Cabelas at 10:30 a.m. on Dec 3rd and we'll ride to the church. If the weather isn't conducive to riding, bring your car and join us anyway. As it's a motorcycle rider sponsored thing, it's nice to have some motorcycle riders show up! For these families and their children, this is their Christmas...thanks for helping.

Larry Banister
Montana State Coordinator

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SECRETARY/TREASURER CORNER



I was perhaps not listening intently enough as they described to me the prestigious position of Secretary-Treasurer for the Montana BMW Riders. "People from all across Montana will be sending you checks," they said. "Sticking fistfuls of cash in your hand – year after year!" It seemed an opportunity too good to pass up. How could I resist? As it turns out, however, I apparently only got about half of the details right. But a commitment is a commitment, so here I am as your dutiful club Secretary-Treasurer.

And now introduced, I'd like to remind you that in addition to holidays, this is the season too for renewal of your annual MTBMWR dues. Why not be the first on your block to renew your club membership? Make out a check for \$15 to the Montana BMW Riders, and send it to: Montana BMW Riders, 714 Continental Way, Missoula, MT 59803. Treat yourself to an early Christmas present and start the new year out right!

As noted, serving as your Secretary-Treasurer will not be lucrative for me. It will be a "labor of love" (or perhaps just a labor). But fortunately, I recently received an email from a stranger in Nigeria who needs me to store his fortune, and promises to reward me handsomely in return. I just need to send him my personal bank account and Social Security numbers. With that windfall and financial independence on the horizon, I look forward having plenty of time available to serve as a responsible steward of your club's resources for years to come.

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RANDOM PICTURES AT DRUMMOND



(L to R - Chuck, John Torma, Don Deuel, Greg Hintz & Chris Keyes)



The venerable November meeting in Drummond



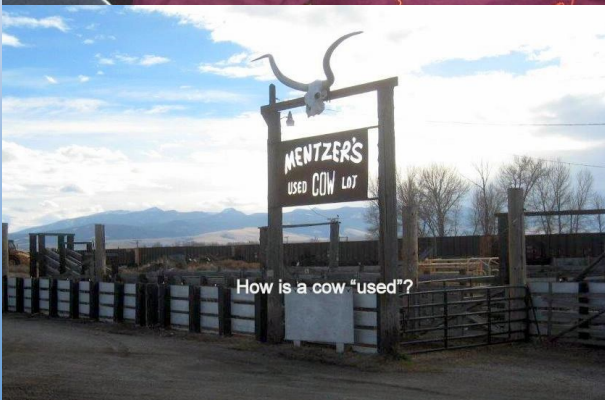
Gee...is my wallet still there?



Rare picture of John Beyrau (2nd from right)



Dick is taking notes. Must be Kim is giving a club history lesson.



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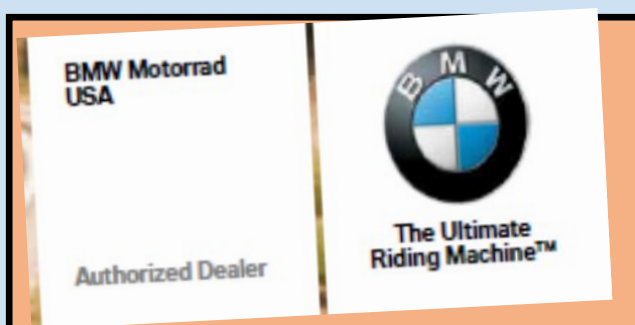
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EVENTS

March 10-12.....Inland Northwest Motorcycle Show...Spokane
 May 15-19.....Sound Rider GPS Motorcycle Road Tour...E. Oregon & Idaho
 June 4-5.....Black Dog Dual Sport Odell, Oregon blackdogdualsport.com
 June 12-16.....Sound Rider Sasquatch GPS Adventure Tour...TBD
 June 15-17.....Red Rocks Rendezvous...Panguitch, Utah (Bee Hive Beemers)
 June 23-25.....Chief Joseph Rally...John Day, Oregon (Oregon BMW Riders)
 July 6-9.....BMW RA Rally...Petosky, Michigan

July 13-16.....BMW MOA Rally...Salt Lake City
 July 21-23.....Cascade Country Rendezvous...Republic, WA. (BMW Club of Washington)
 July 20-23.....Top of the Rockies...Paonia, Colorado
 August 10-13.....Stanley Stomp...Grandjean, Idaho
 August 7-13.....Sturgis
 August 18-20.....Bee Cee Beemers Rally...Nakusp, British Columbia
 Beartooth Rendezvous...Red Lodge, MT. (date not published yet)
 August 20-21.....Rat Dog Dual Sport Ride Tillamook, Oregon (blackdogdualsport.com)
 August 23-27..... Rally in the Gorge...Hood River, Oregon

Tentative 2017 BMW Club Ride Schedule

Month	Date	City	Place	Sat/Sun
January	21	Seeley Lake	Double Arrow Lodge	Saturday
February	19	Avon	Avon Café	Sunday
March	19	Butte	The Hanging Five	Sunday
April	23	Lincoln	Lambkins	Sunday
May	TBD	Helena	Huddy's Tech days	F,S,S
May	21	Philipsburg	Sunshine Station	Sunday
June	17	Big Fork	Echo Lake Café	Saturday
July	13-15	Salt Lake	Utah State Fairpark	Fri/Sat/Sun
August	20	Wisdom	The Crossings at Fetty's	Sunday
September	16	Choteau	Log Cabin	Saturday
October	15	Ovando	Trixies	Sunday
November	19	Drummond	Wagon Wheel Cafe	Sunday
December	2	Missoula	Big Sky Motorsports	Saturday

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History Corner

1990 Bearmouth Gathering



Photo by Kim Lemke

L to R: Larry Banister in red sweater; blue hat-Norm Michaelson, Lynn Springer, his Daughter-Jennifer and Karen Springer.

Green R100RT & Bill Larsen behind the banner. Ed Pierce & Ruby Pierce and Mr. Unknown (an early advocate of photo-bombing perhaps?).

Seated John Beyrau & Rich gates.

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SAFETY CORNER

I hate to admit to this but it serves a great illustration of how not to ride a motorcycle. On a Saturday morning during my working career, I got into my pickup headed for Ace Hardware for some "do-it-yourself supplies" for a project I was working on at home. Got in the truck, fired it up, turned on the radio and took off. Some time later I pulled into the parking lot of my office (way out by the airport)! Imagine my chagrin when I saw where I was, which certainly wasn't where I planned on being....remember Ace ???Hardware???!!!

What happened!!! Had I obeyed all the traffic laws?...yes; stopped at the red lights?...yes; negotiated the proper path of travel along the way???yes..obviously. So what was wrong? I was in a completely different mental dimension, thinking about the upcoming project and everything but driving! What would have happened if I had faced a left turning car moving into my path of travel, a pedestrian stepping off the curb, someone rushing up behind me when I was stopped at a light, a dog running into my path of travel?

As riders we spend a lot of time thinking about and practicing our physical riding skills (or at least I hope we do). There was nothing wrong with my physical driving skills that Saturday...I made it from A to B without accident. What was wrong is that I mentally checked out, defaulting to rote driving skills memory and was clearly oblivious to where I was going and how I got there. If you're an experienced rider, this same pattern is very easy to replicate...you have the rote riding skills to get from A to B presuming nothing out of the ordinary happens. But as an experienced rider, you also know that "things out of the ordinary" routinely happen...so to be in the "ozone" instead of "the zone" is a really bad place to be.

Before you ride, even to Ace Hardware, turn your brain on, clear it's memory banks of non-riding things and make sure you're concentrating on the task at hand and the risks that inevitably come along.

Ride Safe(,

Larry Banister,

Safety Mom-Montana BMW Riders

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