

# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

**BMW Motorcycle Club**  
**Montana BMW Riders**



**CLUB CHARTER**  
**MEMBERSHIPS :**

BMWMOA #155

BMW RA #072

AMA #6830

**NEXT MEETING**

**SATURDAY**

**JANUARY 21 @ 1:00 PM**

**SEELEY LAKE**

**DOUBLE ARROW LODGE**

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



I'm not gonna' drive you crazy whining about not being able to ride motorcycles during the Long Winter's Nights we're experiencing now.

There is still plenty to do in Montana in the winter. At our house during the holidays, we still have company so there's entertaining. Add to that... Grizzly men & women's basketball, concerts, MCT plays, and I haven't even started with all the outdoor activities Western Montana offers...skiing, skating, ice fishing, snowmobiling, timber-sledding. And if you're Kim Lemke or John Beyrau you might even be running studs on your dirt bike and doing laps and donuts on a local frozen pond.

So, there's plenty to do, but...do I miss riding?...oh yeah! Andy Main from Big Sky returned my bike from Big Sky yesterday. When I saw it arriving, being backed into the driveway, I had this pang in my chest like HOT DOG; almost like a kid gazing on the presents under the tree first thing on Christmas morning. Then disappointment as I realized after rolling it into the garage it would be quite a while before I rolled that red beauty into the driveway, then hit the starter to ride into the side street and down University Avenue. So I've taken to looking into my moto magazines, reading some Peter Egan, et al, and hitting websites for farkles that Santa didn't bring or things I've convinced myself I NEED for next riding season. And being New Year's Eve, I'm trying to come up with the courage to ride on the "Ride Stupid Day" that some local area motorcyclists undertake on New Year's Day. Dicey at best this year and repairing/replacing bodywork is not in my budget for 2017.

That money will be better used traveling to the "Crossroads of the West" the nickname MOA is attaching to their rally in Salt Lake City in mid-July. Utah looks like a good venue and not just because it's close. Any rally is always a good place to actually view touch and feel all those farkles you perused

in your moto-magazines in January and February. And the mountains and roads around Salt Lake look to offer some good riding adventures and new scenery.

But if you don't make the Salt Lake rally, thankfully in Montana we have some of the greatest scenery anywhere. For 2017 I think we have some great monthly club rides for you (see further on in the newsletter). And Kevin Huddy, our Go-To organizer for the Cafe2Cafe, is plotting courses within and without Montana for year 2 of this fun event. Kevin will have some great places to travel to this summer. Let's see what kind of adventures he can prod us towards in 2017. Also Larry Banister, Mileage Meister, will be pushing us to get out there and ride as well.

We do have some rock stars in the "get out there and ride department". What motivates you? Maybe ask these riders....Annie Huddy will be going for her 2<sup>nd</sup> 100,000 mileage badge. Our Canadian road burner, Marg Lang, along with Gold Wing riders and members Greg Hintz and Don Duel will be pawing the frozen tundra waiting for the weather to allow them to bolt out of the starting gates this spring. But knowing those guys, they'll be putting on the miles down south before we get a steady diet of 50 degrees days in Montana. Contrarily, to many of us it's not about the miles but the quality of the rides. Maybe you're like our Bozeman rider, Mike Kreikermeier's philosophy which is, "go anywhere, anytime". Mike's been known to ride to Minnesota for barn raisings! Whatever kind of riding you like, start planning those rides for 2017 now. Go to Big Sky BMW and get that 20% off (ends February 1<sup>st</sup>) on labor so you'll have that motorbike ready for that first anticipated 40 or 50 degree day.

So yes, there is plenty to do in Montana during the winter moons but the anticipation of a new riding season does help us get thru those Long Winter's Nights. Good luck on that to all of you. Hope to see you in Seeley Lake at Double Arrow Lodge so we can talk about all of this; that's Saturday January 21st.

Till then, Happy Trials!!

*Chuck*

PS...If you missed the Christmas party it was the best attended we've ever had in all the years we've had it at Big Sky BMW. We had 43 people. No matter how I set-up the alphabet for deserts vs side dishes, it's easy to see our club has a sweet tooth! Deserts 30, side-dishes 6. Guess that's

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## SECRETARY/TREASURER CORNER

By the time you are reading this I will be on my way back home to Missoula after having spent Christmas in Guatemala. Down here in Quetzaltenango I am surrounded by the constant buzz and rattle of 150-cc single-cylinder Chinese motorcycles bouncing and jerking along. Roads in the historic quarter are broken, cobbly ravines that have more in common with Montana's dry riverbeds than any paved thoroughfare. It's a surface that begs for a dual-sport or trail bike, but most of what fills these lanes are lightweight, skinny-wheeled things that resemble more a motorized bicycle than a planet-taming GS. The highways are smoother but offer their own special hazards, like unexpected lumps of asphalt in the road set there by locals in a unauthorized attempt at speed control. Traffic-ambivalent stray dogs are common on the highway, as is (unsurprisingly) canine road-kill. Worse than road-kill is road-maim; I have seen more than one instance of drivers swerving around a crippled dog stranded in the highway than can't even scratch a desperate path to the gutter.

One of the most bizarre sights I've seen on the roads down here is the enterprising fellow in the median of the Pan-American Highway. By median I mean a 6-inch strip of curb separating the two northbound lanes from the two southbound lanes of traffic. The first time I saw him I thought he was stuck in middle of a highway crossing, engaged in a kind of human Frogger game that is quite common here. That's a hazardous space to spend time in, but this fellow must have found it the ideal venue for selling his wares to passing travelers. The man stood balanced on the curb while thrusting into highway traffic a 3-foot stick with some kind of basket on the end. As we got closer I could see that it wasn't a basket at all, but a watermelon-sized globe of chicken wire, within which a live squirrel desperately raced around -- while cars, trucks, and buses blasted past just a foot or two away. I could not envision how even the most ardent rodent-collecting motorist would find a way of actually making a transaction with this fellow. And that obstacle aside, what exactly does one do with an impulsive squirrel purchase? Anyway, enough about Guatemala. It's definitely interesting here but I do look forward to returning to the relative calm of Montana.

One of my first stops will be to the Post Office to collect my held mail. I'm sure I will find an overwhelming clutch of \$15 checks from Montana BMW Riders renewing their memberships for 2017. If you haven't done it already, now would be the perfect time to send your annual dues to: **Montana BMW Riders, 714 Continental Way, Missoula, MT 59803.**

*Chris*

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If you were at the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas party at Big Sky Motorsports, you would have seen the marching band and pyrotechnic display that accompanies the award of this year's mileage contest! Since the club can't afford to replicate the band and pyrotechnics, you'll have to settle for the print version! Marg Lang was this year's winner with mileage totaling 20,580! For her efforts, she was awarded a gift certificate of \$75 to Big Sky BMW. (Which I'm sure is sufficient to cover her gas expenses....NOT!) As we have in the past, we took the names of all the other contestants (excluding Marg), put them into a hat and drew a name. This year, that name was Kim Lemke and he picked up a \$50 gift certificate for being a participant. I am including an edited listing of this year's official participants so that you can see who participated, their rides and their cumulative miles.

Thanks to everyone who joined in the effort this year. We'll "do 'er again next year", so be watching for the details in upcoming newsletters. (Remember, to be considered as an official participant, you must submit your mileage, both beginning and ending, within the date parameters set out at the beginning of each year.)

<b>2016 Montana BMW Riders Mileage Contest</b>					
Beginning April 9, 2016-Ending October 11, 2016					
Name	Motorcycle	End Miles	Begin Miles	Miles Per Bike	Total Miles
Armstrong, Gary	98K75C	38403	37,324	1,079	
	02R1150RT	102227	101,685	542	1,621
Banister, Larry	Triumph 800	6624	60	6,564	6,564
Forseth, Ave	02R1150RT	60203	54,322	5,881	5,881
Graham, Gary	Rental Miles	1581	-	1,581	
	F650 twin	24962	19,899	5,063	6,644
Graham, Carol	Rental Miles	1576	-	1,576	
	F650 twin	27742	22,633	5,109	6,685
Huddy, Annie	07 F650GS	50165	48,481	1,684	
	11 F 650GS	21016	20,985	31	
	14 F800GS	31488	22,823	8,665	10,380
Keyes, Chris	R100RT	120501	118,515	1,986	
	F650GS	15217	14,624	593	2,579
Lang, Marg	F700GS(KM)	68373	45,186	14,411	
	F650GS (KM)	159353	150,863	5,277	
	K100RT-(KM)	177152	175,715	893	20,580
Lemke, Kim	R75/7	75251	74,991	260	
	Enfield 535GT	3165	2,235	930	
	K100RS	79745	79,745	0	2,083
McCormack, Dave	Spyder ST-LTD	13982	10,091	3,891	3,891
McInerney, Donna	R1200GS	76087	68,793	7,294	7,294
McInerney, Mike	R1200GS	75979	68,469	7,510	
	R1150GS	144515	135,869	8,646	16,156
Meredith, Mike	F800ST	28969	14,336	14,633	
	R1100RT	0	-	0	14,633
Reaves, Chuck	R1100RS	68240	65,163	3,077	
	F650GS	15858	14,593	1,265	4,342
Webster, John	K1200LT	48969	45,590	3,379	3,379
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the guys down at Big Sky for hosting us.

## SAFETY CORNER



Looking out the window today I see the better part of a foot of new snow so I doubt even the most intrepid riders are....riding! I finally pulled the battery from my bike and set it inside where it's warm and on the battery tender. So now it's reading moto-mags, re-viewing last years rides and planning for next year. Which brings me to the subject for this month... riding gear. If you're a serious rider, and most of you are, you're putting some serious mileage on your riding gear. Jackets are fading, gloves wearing thin, and helmet straps are fraying. The ravages of the sun, wind and rain take slow, but consistent wear on your equipment and given enough time can seriously erode the protective capacities. Probably the one piece of riding gear that may be compromised, but often doesn't show it, is your helmet. While modern helmets are much better than the old ones, the sun affects not only the paint, but the outer shell and consistent on and off wears on the chin strap. Additionally those long rides on hot days lend a level of sweat on the inner liner. Most helmets have the date of manufacture stamped on the chin strap or inside the helmet and if you're riding consistently, you may want to consider replacing your helmet every 5 years or so. How's the shield? If it has been cleaned often, it will have a myriad of scratches which seriously compromise your vision, particularly when riding into the sun or in the rain. Shields are relatively inexpensive to replace and will extend the useful life of your helmet. If you've had the unfortunate get-off this season and had your helmet hit the ground, it's definitely time to replace it. (Even worse, if you've dropped your helmet on the pavement, or had it fall off the bike onto pavement...you've definitely compromised your head protection...time to replace it. (The helmet, not your head!).

While not as much fun as riding, your gear needs attention (and perhaps replacement) and it's a lot more fun to check it in the winter than notice it needs attention the first day when riding begins! Besides, there are usually great discounts to be had during the winter....and not so much in the spring!

Next month we'll talk about gloves ..until then, happy reading/watching and dreaming of riding!...

*Larry Banister*

Safety Mom, Montana BMW Riders

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**Club Dues: \$15 per calendar year - Membership includes monthly electronic newsletter (or \$20 per year for snail mailed newsletter).**

**Monthly Meetings: Third Sunday of each month, 1 PM, unless specified otherwise. Location announced in Newsletter and on Web Page.**

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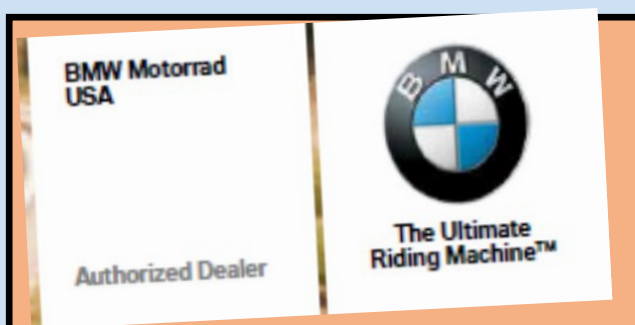
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F 800 GT	\$1,500	0.90% + \$500
F 800 R	\$1,500	0.90% + \$500
G 650 GS	\$1,000	0.90% + \$500
K 1300 S	\$2,500	0.90% + \$500
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K 1600 GTL	\$2,500	0.90% + \$500
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S 1000 XR	\$1,750	0.90% + \$500
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#### DISCOUNTS ELSEWHERE AT BIG SKY MOTORSPORTS:

- HJC F-16 Helmets 20% off
- Arai Full Face Street Helmets 20% off
- Klim 'Overlands' riding apparel 20% off
- Revit 'Sands II' riding apparel 20% off

Nov 1- Feb 1 20% off on labor rates.

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## **2017 BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB RIDES &**

### **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

## ***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 City	BMWMOA Rally	Thur/Fri/Sat
August	20	Wisdom	The Crossings at Fetty's	Sunday
September	16	Choteau	Log Cabin	Saturday
October	15	Ovando	Trixi's Antler Saloon	Sunday
November	19	Drummond	Wagon Wheel Cafe	Sunday
December	2	Missoula	Big Sky Motorsports	Saturday



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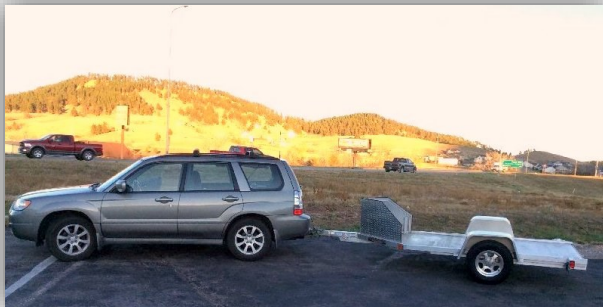
## MEMBER CORNER

## 2016 CHRISTMAS PARTY

E-Mail from member **BILL ERHARDT**...

A note to post if you so desire is that I picked up a nice used Aluma MC-10 Trailer in Minnesota when I went out for my annual Vikings game with friends. I will be taking my BMW on the trailer to Phoenix, AZ in March of 2017 to watch the LPGA Ladies Founders Cup. I will then ride over to Albuquerque, NM and do some riding for a week with my sister and her husband. VLA and other points around New Mexico will be seen on the F650GS. I will then be going to Las Vegas to visit with another Ham Radio friend from Clancy, MT who winters over in an apartment. We will attend the IWCE (International Wireless Communications Exposition)... a two day event.

My BMW F650GS will get its first winter snow birding for a couple weeks in the Southwest. I will post some pictures of us at some interesting sites.



Picture is Subaru and Aluma MC-10 at Sturgis, South Dakota coming back from the Vikings Detroit Game. Yep, I did visit the museum...



Our hosts from Big Sky Motorsports: (l to r) Nate, Gayle, Ken.

**Recall Notice**... As a courtesy to our members, we occasionally will post a recall notice from the NHTSA



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
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Administration**

The most recent notice brought to our attention is as follows:

Manufacturer: KTM North America, Inc.

Model Years: KTM 2013—2016

Subject: Wiring Harness could Fray & Brake line may melt.

MHTSA Recall Number: [16V854](#)

To find out if your specific, vehicle is included in the recall, use our [VIN Look-up Tool](#) with the number above.

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## MORE CHRISTMAS PARTY PICTURES



Annie Huddy with her 100,000 mile plaque.



Mike & Donna McInerney lazing about at the Reeves's B&B before heading back to Colorado.



Note from the results posted on page 3, Marg Lang is the one to beat EVERY year!



Prez Chuck handing out awards.

<p>FamilyDental Group Rowan P. McQuarrie, DDS, FAGD</p>	<p>4 Corners Rider Fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry</p>
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