

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

BMW Motorcycle Club
Montana BMW Riders



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NEXT MEETING

SUNDAY

APRIL 23 @ 1:00 PM

LINCOLN

LAMBKINS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Call March the pickle point month in the riding season. On the 'not yet a pickle' side, March's weather is almost always unsettled (to put it mildly). The forecast is often cloudy, overcast and cold, perhaps with the threat of precipitation, even snow. With this kind of forecast, if you have to traverse a mountain pass, to get to the March meeting, that is literally a non-starter. So, on the 'yes it is a pickle' (time to ride), this year there was a huge pent up demand for riding after one of the longer winter's I can recall, and the forecast was more accommodating; yes, cloudy and cool but almost 40 degrees and dry at morning saddle time. And of course, you can't discount the fact, most of these people are crazy.

Arriving at the hanging Five, where there were no parking spots; from Helena: Annie Huddy F800GS, Kevin Huddy Yamaha FJR, Mike Meredith F800ST, Steve Moore R1200RT, 'Comrade' Ken Conrad Ural with sidecar. From Townsend, Lance Lerum R1100R. From Huson, Brian Campbell GMC. From Missoula, John Torma K1200LT, and Chuck Reaves R1100RS. The Hanging Five had great food and it seems a good reputation, as everyone living in Butte was there. So, unfortunately there was no sitting together. On the plus side, the food and service were good. The slab of ham that came with the breakfasts I saw, was humongous. But being in Butte just after Saint Patty's Day, John Torma and I could not pass up the chance for corned beef & cabbage. The waitress even acknowledged that it was leftovers from Saint Patrick's Day. This year's Saint Pat-

rick's Day? Oh well, 24 hours later I'm still upright, not sure about John. John???

Because of the pandemonium at *The Hanging Five*, we had a perfect business meeting according to past president Ken Conrad....no business was discussed. We did have our monthly drawing and 'The Comrade' won Clement Salvadore's book, *101 Road Tales*. This was donated by Lance Lerum. Thanks much to Lance. Yours truly won a tire change. So much for *The Hanging Five* for future meetings. We'll have to pick another restaurant if we go back to Butte. Call if you have any other recommendations for Butte, America, even if they don't offer corned beef and cabbage.

This month, April, is normally one of our best attended venues. Lambkins in Lincoln on Sunday, April 23rd. Same time, 1:00 PM.

An FYI for **May....**the 4th annual Tech Session at Kevin & Annie Huddy's Outpost in Helena will be May 19-21st. Conveniently, Sunday, May 21st is our May club meeting in Philipsburg @ The Sunshine Station. Time: 1:00 PM. Details on the tech session will be forthcoming. You don't want to miss this. Annie and Kevin are great hosts, so even if you're not a gearhead you'll still have a great time! Amazingly there's a lot of talk about motorcycles and Annie puts out some mouthwatering cuisine! Looking ahead: If anyone would like to help out with the YMCA Riverbank Run in Missoula, please let me know. This may be your only chance ever, to ride your motorcycle across the U of M campus! The date this year is Saturday, April 29th.

Upcoming events:

Is anyone up for going to Coeur D' Alene for the regional MOA Getaway May 12-14? <http://www.bmwmoa.org/event/couerdalene> If so contact me.

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Check here for all your questions about the MOA Rally in Salt Lake City July 13-16. <http://www.bmwmoa.org/page/rallyfaq>

We are also now looking for volunteers for the annual TOSRV (Tour of the Swan River Valley). That is the annual bicycle ride from Missoula, thru the Swan Valley and back to Missoula coming down Hiway 93. Our club has been motorcycle marshals for this for over 20 years. It's a two day event. That weekend will be June 3-4 this year.

Looking way out for this summer, I'd again encourage you if you are going to the MOA Rally in Salt Lake City to get those motel reservations made now. It appears there is also a Pioneer's Day celebration in Salt Lake that weekend. And thanks to sleuth, Chris Keyes, he's found there is a light rail system that runs in the city, so you can partake of the rally events, south of town in the commercial area, you could then take the light rail back to a hotel in town.

Kudos to The Beehive Beemers of Utah's president Jeff Thurmond who has sent us lots of info on rides around Salt Lake and recommendations for some good places to eat. We will be putting that out in the newsletter to help you enjoy Salt Lake like the locals. Many thanks to Jeff for all that info!!

Another thing that accentuates the rally experience and makes the rally more fun is to be a volunteer for MOA at the rally. Ahh, but there are so many vendors! Visiting vendors can take up the whole rally, (not to mention deplete your life savings). Talk is cheaper and by volunteering you'll have the chance to converse with many like-minded people at the rally. It's great to visit with and get to know other riders from around the country. Find out about their favorite motorcycles, their favorite roads in other areas. Volunteering is easy and the shifts aren't that long. If it's hot maybe you want to make sure your job is in air-conditioning or in the beer tent!

Here's hoping for the continuation for more and warmer riding weather in the next month. Hope to see you in Lincoln in April. Till then, Happy Trails!!

Chuck



My favorite picture of Jerry Abbott (RIP) and Marg Lang at Trixi's Antler Saloon in 2012

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2017 MILEAGE CONTEST

As mentioned last month, the actual starting date of this year's contest will parallel that of the BMWMOA mileage contest and as per the form in this month's MOA mag, the starting date is April 8, 2017 and the ending date is October 8, 2017.

If you are going to participate in our local Montana BMW Riders Mileage Contest, the start and ending dates will be the same, however the rules are different as follows: You can ride any brand(s) of motorcycle in our contest and you may submit your beginning and ending mileage via snail mail, email, napkin, photo of the speedo, or a copy of your official BMWMOA mileage contest form. In addition to your name, I need the year, make and model of your motorcycle(s) and it's beginning mileage as of **April 8**.

My email address is: beemermt@msn.com; and my snail mail address is 102 Ironwood Place, Missoula, MT 59803. In order to be an "official entrant" in our local contest, I must have your beginning mileage NLT May 8, 2017 and you must submit your ending mileage NLT November 8, 2017. Mileage submitted after these dates will not be used for the "official entrant" category nor the fantastic year end prizes!

Looking forward to hearing from you....and by the way Dick French is the first 2017 entrant!!

Larry Banister, Mileage contest Coordinator....

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GET READY FOR CAFÉ 2 CAFÉ 2017!!!!

2ND NOTICE

Yes, Café 2 Café (C2C) is back for 2017. The purpose of C2C remains to ride your motorcycle, travel through our wonderful state and region, spend time with friends and, of course, Good Eats! And it is FREE.

There are some changes in how we will conduct C2C in 2017. The significant changes are:

Participants will place themselves into one of two categories; the **Retired** category or **Worker** category. The Retired category is intended for those who are not employed, all others are Workers. Participants will self-select the category in which they will compete. Both categories will have a first, second and third place award based on the number of cafes visited. In addition, there will be a Grand Prize for the person(s) who has the greatest number of cafes visited regardless of the category in which he/she competed.

Optional Café 2 Café t-shirts will be available for purchase by participants. Cost of the t-shirt is \$15 and is not required to participate.

Dates of the event are 1 April – 31 October 2017

The list of cafes was expanded and now includes: One in Utah, One in South Dakota, three in Idaho, one in Wyoming, and two in Canada, including one in British Columbia. And a special event will be the Four Corners Challenge that requires a rider to visit four cafes that are spread across the four corners of Montana.

The 2017 C2C Guidelines and Café list will be published soon. The guidelines will describe how to register, order a t-shirt and the rules for participating. In the next several days you can expect an email from President Chuck that will provide both documents, and our Internet Techno Giant, Mike Wright, will also have them available on our club web site.

I look forward to another exciting riding season as we RIDE TO EAT & EAT TO RIDE!

SAFETY CORNER

Couch potatoes' arise!! In the last week enough snow has melted that I can see some brown grass appearing on my lawn and the street with tons of gravel has begun to appear. It would appear that maybe....just maybe.....spring may be sorta in sight. That being said, and using myself as the example, I've spent the last 5 months thinking about riding and my physical exercise has been confined to the gym with some "aerobic snow shoveling" thrown in for good measure. As I have read the various moto-mags I get, they have spent the winter talking about both the mental and physical aspects of riding. While I never diminish the need for highly developed physical riding skills, I can tell you that once you've mastered the basic physical skills enough to survive on the street, long term riding is 90% mental, 10% physical. Again using myself as an example, having not ridden for the past 5 months, both of these aspects are in need of some serious attention before beginning the riding season. I would like to point you toward a couple of arti-

cles available on the internet: The first, "Introductory strength training for motorcyclists" found at <https://rideapart.com/articles/introductory-strength-training-motorcyclists>; will give you some great practical info and video on basic strength training exercises that will help you get in shape for this riding season. A second, "Mental motorcycle riding preparedness- training your brain for danger" found at www.motoress.com/ride/mental-motorcycle-riding-preparedness; will give you some insight into the mental side of riding. (Don't panic, this sight is a women's riding site, but is a good article!) If you're so inclined, I know you can scour the internet for additional articles....but the point of my article is to get you to start preparing, both mentally and physically for the upcoming riding season before you swing a leg over the bike!!

Ride Safe,

Larry Banister

Montana BMW Riders-Safety Mom

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2017 BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB RIDES & EVENTS

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
August 18-20.....Beartooth Rendezvous...Red Lodge, MT.
August 20-21.....Rat Dog Dual Sport Ride Tillamook, Oregon (blackdogdualsport.com)
August 23-27..... Rally in the Gorge...Hood River, Oregon

Ed. Note: If you know of other rides or events for BMW owners and/or events that would interest all motorcyclists, please forward them to "Editor, MT BMW Riders at P.O. Box 1353, Victor 59875" for inclusion in future Newsletters. Or there is an error in dates, places of event names, notify Editor at dhmcc@aol.com.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S CORNER

It's that time of year again when all good income-earning citizens must pay the piper. But who is the piper? Sometimes it's a cold, unfeeling, intractable government agency with scads of lawyers seeking billable hours. Other times it's your treasured motorcycle riding club and its genial Secretary-Treasurer, with a smile on his face and his hand extended (toward your wallet). To those of you who have already renewed your club membership for 2017, I salute your integrity as a good, honest, red-blooded American. This message is not for you. As for the rest (you know who you are): the time has come to service your debt. I (sadly) lack the legal authority to freeze your assets, so instead rely on your internal call to duty. As you write out your checks to Uncle Sam and Aunt Helena this month, don't forget to write one more – of a modest \$15 – to your friendly Montana BMW Riders. You can update your member information by using the form at our website, www.mtBMWriders.org. Compared to your federal Form 1040 and Montana Form 2, you will find it refreshingly short and simple. Write that check out today and send it to me at: 714 Continental Way, Missoula, MT 59803. If you're unsure whether you've already paid, send me an email (crkeyes@icloud.com) and I'll let you know.

Chris Keyes

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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	19/21	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	22	Ovando	Trixies	Sunday
November	19	Drummond	Wagon Wheel Cafe	Sunday
December	2	Missoula	Big Sky Motorsports	Saturday



MARK YOUR CALENDAR - TECH DAY

Mark your calendar. The Fourth Annual Tech Day at the Outpost will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the Huddy's Outpost, 15 miles NW of Helena. Those with long rides to make can arrive on Friday and stay until Sunday, and then ride to the club gathering at the Sunshine Station in Philipsburg. More detailed info to follow in the May Newsletter, or if you cannot wait, then email Kevin at huddykl@gmail.com.

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TRAVELING LIGHT

FOR SALE

The Newsletter used to carry columns for "For Sale, Trade or Misc". We decided last year to move those notices to the website on the theory that the website would reach more people thereby assisting our members and non-members to get better results. Use of the 'For Sale' portion of the website is reserved for paid up members only.

Ken Conrad has a unique set of non motorcycle pieces for sale and we thought we'd just highlight those for you and direct you to his 'For Sale' notice at the website.

He's selling a 6x10 enclosed utility trailer and a Kendon, two rail Stand Up motorcycle/ATV trailer. See his posting at https://mtbmwriders.org/Buy___Sell.html

Here's his contact info if you're seriously interested.

Ken Conrad
[406-431-4999](tel:406-431-4999)
kcaf47@gmail.com



Ken's Ural that doesn't fit in his current trailer.

OPTIMISM

OPTIMISM IS GOING AFTER MOBY DICK IN A ROWBOAT
AND ...

TAKING TARTAR SAUCE WITH YOU!!!

We're on Facebook Too:
MONTANA BMW Riders

Touring motorcyclists can learn a lot from the traveling light strategies employed by backpackers. When a hiker has to carry everything he or she will need for several days, every ounce of gear and clothing carried becomes important. Because necessity is often the mother of invention, backpackers take only what they absolutely will need and each item usually has more than just one use.

For touring motorcyclists, however, traveling light is often more about bulk than weight. The goal of taking only those things you will need, however, still holds true for us two-wheeled adventurers. During a recent three-day tour on a café racer-type of bike, I was able to carry everything I needed in a small backpack and tankbag. It would have been nice to have more storage space, but I, indeed, did have everything I needed. This included a digital camera and an iPad for downloading photos.

Here's my list of thirteen essential items for motorcycle touring, including clothing items worn on the first day of travel:

- Protective motorcycle riding gear: full face helmet, boots, gloves, jacket, sunglasses and pants (perforated jacket and pants in summer) If room permits, I also throw in a pair of casual shoes.
 - A hydration pack (for use in both warm and cool weather) and power bars, in case food stops become scarce.
 - Rain gear, which provides additional warmth if the weather turns cold.
 - Small digital camera and batteries or charger.
 - Smart phone (and charger) for monitoring weather and calling for help, if needed.
 - Critical personal information: name, next of kin phone number(s), medications, drug allergies, blood type, etc.
 - Maps and/or GPS device (I usually take both).
 - Fresh underwear and socks for each day of the tour.
 - One pair of bicycle-type shorts for riding comfort, which are aired-out or rinsed each night, as necessary.
 - Two form-fitting synthetic shirts, which are rinsed and air-dried each night (like those sold under the UnderArmor brand, which hold perspiration close to the body and provide an evaporative cooling effect).
 - A light weight long-sleeve turtleneck for cold mornings and whenever additional insulation is needed.
 - A minimal toiletry kit, which includes any daily medications.
- A polo type shirt and a pair of jeans for casual wear after the day's ride is complete.

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OK, I've probably forgotten something or maybe you have a completely different list of essential items. Anyway, let us know what's on your list of "must have" motorcycle touring items.

(Published by agreement from an article in a obscure magazine that the editor has forgotten.)

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Six of the intrepid club members at Butte admiring Ken's Ural At the Butte Meeting...Chuck is the photographer.



Butte, Montana



Carol Graham delivering pictures and conversation on the Graham's recent travels in Europe by motorcycle. Presentation was at Big Sky Motorsport's upstairs meeting room (thank you, Nate).