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JULY 13-16

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



It's arrived! What we all wait for during the long months of the freezing moons in Montana. The mornings may still be a little cool but the days are long and warm, the skies are blue, the weather (mostly) clear. The back roads are open! It's that ideal time to ride in Montana, part of that cycle we live for this time of year. I hope you are all getting out and enjoying some quality ride time, making some long bucket list trips, adventure riding the back country and hitting a few local motorcycle rallies.



Also, part of that cycle, and on a sad note, we say goodbye to one of our favorite sons, a club member and all around good-guy, Brad Wonnacott, who passed away last week at the tender age of 63. Yes, Brad that was way too early! But as member Larry

Banister noted, "It is always too early". I hope you will keep Brad's wife, Deb, and his family in your thoughts and prayers. And on that next ride remember Brad and some of the things he championed... safe riding and good camaraderie with other riders.

As far as rallies go, the big one is coming up. The BMW-MOA rally in Salt Lake City. If you're still on the fence about going you can sign up at the rally. It's a great place to see, touch and visit all the manufacturers and vendors of what we love...

motorcycles. There are demo rides, and tons of seminars about bikes, maintenance, riding, other wonderful places to go and visit. There's even a dedicated bike washing spot, not to mention the beer tent where motorcycle stories are enhanced plus evening entertainment, a showing of classic BMW motorcycles, drawings each day for free vendor gear, not to mention all the eye candy looking at all the different individual bikes and getting other riders ideas of what a good bike really is or what it should have. And then there's the ride there. Lots of nice roads between Western Montana and Salt Lake City. Chris Keyes and I are planning on leaving Wednesday before the rally and driving part way there, stopping in a little 'berg', Bellevue, Idaho, south of Sun Valley. We'll be in Salt Lake by noon on Thursday. Others I know of going are Mike Wright, Bob Testut, Bob Rennick, Kevin and Annie Huddy, Chuck Bloom, Mike Meredith, Larry Banister, and John Webster. If you plan to go, how about letting me know and forwarding me a phone number.

Let's plan on meeting at the beer tent on Thursday night at 5:00-6:00 for 'motorcycle discussion' and meet at The Red Iguana 1 on Friday night at 7:00 pm for dinner. If you think you'd like to go, call me, Chuck Reaves...406-240-1771. Reservations, it seems to me from the Red Iguana website are very strict and as much as I like you guys, I'm not putting my credit card in to guarantee a table. So meet at the **Red Iguana 1 (note the 1!) (736 W. North Temple-801-322-1489)** downtown Friday night at 7:00. That'll give you time to get in from that ride up one

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of the canyons outside Salt Lake, get showered and capture another café on our Café to Café list! June's ride to Echo Lake was a decent turnout but I think the weather report scared some people off. On the positive side, we have three new members because of it...John Wing from Missoula and Joseph and Monika Puglielli from Whitefish. Yeah! Others attending were...from Missoula, new member John Wing R1200GS, Dick French & chaperone Sandy Knutsen Honda Ridgeline, Rick Kuschel R9T soundin' good! Chuck, Caren, Mike Reaves Honda Odyssey. From the Florence, Mike Wright R1200GS, our great webmaster! From Corvallis, Terry Poland HD Road King and esteemed newsletter editor Dave McCormack Can-Am Spyder. From Polson guest Billy Earl HD Trike, from Somers, Terry Logan R1200GS with new final drive! From Kalispell Doug Byrne R1100GS and from Whitefish new members and winner (of course) of the cooling vest giveaway...Joseph Puglielli S1000XR and Monika Puglielli F700GS. And last, but not least, from Helena, Bob Rennick on his new K1300S, wowser!

Wishing you good riding for July, whether you go to Salt Lake or not. We'll meet at our usual August location, Fetty's The Crossing in Wisdom for our next meeting which is on Sunday, August 20th. Same time 1:00 PM. Bring a friend. And bye the bye; with half the year gone it is definitely time to get those dues in to Chris Keyes.

A final reminder of the dual sport class. It will be July 8-9th. Limit is 12. I believe 7 have signed up at this point. This is a guy out of Salt Lake City, Fran Tully. It will be a basic class for beginner to intermediates riders. The class will be given in environs around Missoula. Cost is \$375 for 2 days of instruction. I know of 1 guy from Big Sky BMW take it and highly recommend it. Even said it saved his life in a situation he had right after he took the course.

See the link <http://dualsportschool.com/product/2-day-adv-skills-mt-july-8-9-2017/> on our website to contact Fran. This is a chance to get that off road help you've wanted without having to travel to the BMW school in South Carolina or travel to the west coast to go to a private school for instruction. If interested this should be signed up for asap.

I'd like to mention I have several things from Jerry Abbotts's motorcycle wardrobe given me by his widow, Carolyn. These will be put on our website classifieds. We'd like to offer them to club members at a price you think reasonable, maybe like a donation to the club. There are a couple of tank bags, a HiViz mesh Joe Rocket jacket in XL and Jerry's iconic leather jacket (XL) with American flag on the back and USA letters on the sleeves. Both in good shape. Other than those, one Leather Like saddle bag, leather gloves size small, Wigwam electric socks size large and Gerbing electric gloves size large. If you are interested call/text me or email me at reavesmt@msn.com Hope to see you in Salt Lake. Happy Trails...

Chuck

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Editor's Corner

I had a number of topics I wanted to share but the passing of a good friend got in the way. Brad Wonacott, a sometime member of this club and The Re-treads, passed away on June 19th. He was 63.

He and I had just ridden together to our favorite café, Lochsa Lodge, only a week and half before his heart attack and subsequent passing. So, this issue will have pictures and remembrances of Brad. He was well known in the Missoula community for his love of motorcycles but also for his musical and acting talents...and for his fascination and sales of all things sharp....knives, swords, and the like. At his funeral on the 23rd of June, friends and family filled the big chapel and bid farewell to a man who should have lived for another couple of decades and one who had left an indelible mark on all of us who knew him

In the back of this issue you will find a tribute from member John Torma, a long time friend of Brad's, along with other sentiments.

Dave

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2017 BMW MOTORCYCLE CLUB RIDES & EVENTS

- July 8.....Ride for Hope, Montana Hope Project (500 mile ride to Billings)
- 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

If you're still waffling over whether to attend the BMW MOA International Rally in Salt Lake City this month (July 13-16), it's time to get off that fence! All motorcycles, all the time, for three straight days; it's the closest thing to Christmas morning that a mature adult can get. My first (and only) MOA Rally was the one in Billings two years ago. I'd been to handful of small rallies before, but they did not prepare me for the event that was the big MOA rally. It was great, and I knew I'd want to return as soon as possible. Unfortunately, for those of us still in the "employed" minority, riding across the country to attend a rally isn't a viable option (unless we're prepared to transition to "unemployed" status). Well here comes the rally again, and it doesn't get much closer than Salt Lake City, and you can't beat the ride through Idaho to get there. So, when I learned the rally would be back in our neck of the woods, I put it on the calendar in permanent marker. That doesn't exactly make the decision permanent, so one additional way that I affirm decisions like this is prepaying. I don't trust my future self not to cancel as the date approaches, and there's always a reason to cancel, so I actually like prepaying for things to force future-me to follow through with things I know deep down I want to do. In this case, that strategy happily pays dividends to the tune of \$10.

Early online rally registration for MOA members is just \$55, versus \$65 at the rally door (for non-members, \$75 online versus \$85 at the door). Registration is easy on the BMW MOA webpage; for MOA members, you'll need to have your member number in order to receive the member rate. Once you press the "Yes, Process My Order" button, MOA sends a confirmation that you can print and bring to the rally for quick entry. BUT, you must register online by **July 14** to get the discount. So, get off that fence, prevent your future self from ruining your summer, and save yourself \$10. Push the button, and I'll see you in Salt Lake City.

Christopher 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	13-16	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	Trixi's Antler Saloon	Sunday
November	19	Drummond	Wagon Wheel Cafe	Sunday
December	2	Missoula	Big Sky Motorsports	Saturday



We have some favorite and traditional meeting places, like Lambkins in Lincoln, the Sunshine Station in Philipsburg, the Echo Lake Cafe in Big fork, and the Crossings Restaurant in Wisdom. But we always are open to suggestions for the following year's meetings. So pick a place, tell us about it and we'll check it out. It has to be able to accommodate upwards of 25 people all in one space, preferably a separate room from the main restaurant, have enough staff at 1:00 p.m. and beyond to serve all those riders and be open both Saturday and Sunday. Send your suggestions to Chuck Reaves, Chris Keyes or Dave McCormack.

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And be sure and always ask if there's a discount for club members.

Just a few days ago, a couple of us who have signed up for the Cafe 2 Café effort, decided to continue our zany riding activity to cafes. We plotted out that we could knock off Wisdom, Wise River and then maybe slide into Philipsburg for candy and treats, maybe even this time get a picture of us at The Sunshine Station (and then get pie again in Drummond. The participants were Reaves, French, Banister and McCormack.



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SAFETY CORNER

Well, after a long wet winter where we worried about no traction and frost bite, we've certainly transitioned from a cool wet spring into what looks like it might be a smoking hot summer! So, we need to spend just a bit of time talking about the dangers of riding in extreme heat. Serious dehydration can occur without your knowing it. When temps rise into the 90's or above, the hot wind blowing over your skin wicks a tremendous amount of moisture out of your system even when riding in the appropriate riding apparel. If hydration is not replaced during a ride, this wicking action can lead you into serious dehydration which affects both your mental and physical abilities. Do you know that the more exposed skin you have while riding, the quicker and more severe is your probability of suffering from dehydration?! That's right, riding in a tee shirt or bare headed, increases your chance of dehydration, not to mention sunburn (and terminal road rash if you crash!!!) Keeping covered helps. Pouring water over the clothing under your riding apparel or wearing a cooling vest creates evaporation which is the same as air conditioning. If you repeat the soaking process through-out the day, you'll ride much cooler. Combine this with consistent intake of water and you'll ride a lot safer during these hot days and arrive at your destination without that completely "spent" feeling. Also...wear sunglasses that prevent the UV rays from reaching those "baby blues". Long term exposure to UV radiation is bad for your eyes and as we all know, your eyes play the major role in keeping you safe while riding. So, quit complaining about the heat (remember your complaining about the cold this winter!!??) enjoy the summer, ride a bunch, and stay cool!

Larry Banister
Safety Mom

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Cafe 2 Cafe Update

Eleven people have submitted cafes. Two people have 31, one person has 26, several are at about ten cafes and one person has two cafes.

So, you can still enter and you still have time to begin picking off those cafes. Some of us were under the impression that one had to eat at every café photographed...not so...unless you have the money, your rear shocks pumped up, and the appropriate note from your Doctor. Have fun. Pick one at least 350 miles away and make a run for it that you maybe figure nobody else will.

The list of Cafes is posted on the website along with the rules.

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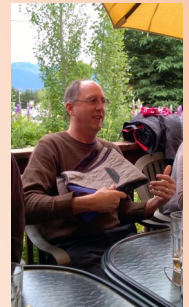
Kim Lemke, admiring a bike that actually made the entire trip.



New member, Monika Puglielli.



New Members and drawing winners, Joseph and Monika Puglielli. Welcome!



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In a series of back and forth e-mails between our esteemed President and the President of the Beehive Beemers club in Salt Lake City, we have been receiving fun info about what rides and eateries we might be interested in when we go to the BMWMOA rally in Salt Lake City on July 13-16.

The information is fairly extensive so we suggest you save this newsletter and the previous ones for the Beehive Beemer's series on rides and eateries. The following rides are "Bonus Rides" that may take more than a day. The information is from Jeff Thurmond, who is the President of the Beehive Beemers out of Salt Lake City.

BONUS RIDES

One Day Rides That Take Two Days To Finish

Scofield Canyon, Skyline Drive, Torrey, Scenic RT 12, Kodachrome Basin State Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Cedar Brakes & Zion National Park:

Start by heading south on I-15 toward Spanish Fork. Exit I-15 at exit 258 for US 6. Pick up US 6 heading southeast through Spanish Fork and continue east on US 6 going past the turnoff for US 89. Look for turnoff on south side of US 6 for RT 96 to Scofield. Take RT 96 heading south to Scofield; this will become marked as RT 264 partway through Scofield Canyon. At intersection of RT 264 and RT 31, turn left onto RT 31 heading south. This is known as Skyline Drive to Huntington. Buy fuel in Huntington. At Huntington pick up RT 10 heading south to Castle Dale and Emery. Go under I-70 and turn right onto RT 72. RT 72 will turn south toward Loa. You will intersect with RT 24 in Loa, so turn left into Loa on RT 24. As you come into Loa, a great place to eat is the County Café which will be on your right. Continue east on RT 24 to Torrey. You can either find lodging in Torrey or continue on depending on the time of day; if you got an early start there should be plenty of daylight left. In Torrey at the far east side of town, turn right onto RT 12. This road, RT 12, is usually listed in the top-10 motorcycle roads in America. There are good places to eat in Boulder and Escalante as you travel RT 12. In Cannonville on RT 12, to visit Kodachrome Basin (11 miles), turn left onto Main Street which becomes Kodachrome Road into the State Park. Continuing on RT 12 you will come to the road for Bryce Canyon National Park. Worth the visit. Back on RT 12 you will intersect with US 89. If you are tired, turn right on US 89 and ride north to Panguitch for the night. If you still have some ride left in you, turn left on US 89 and continue south to Kanab for the night. If you spend the night in Panguitch, leave Panguitch by heading south on RT 143, which will eventually swing west. When you get to Cedar Breaks National Monument, turn left onto RT 148 heading south. This will intersect with RT 14, turn left onto RT 14 heading west toward Cedar City. In Cedar City turn right onto RT 130 heading north. Buy fuel before you leave Cedar City. Stay on RT 130 heading north; do not get on I-15. RT 130 will take you to Minersville where you will pick up RT 21 heading north to Milford. In Milford pick up RT 257 heading north to Murdock, Malone, and Delta. RT 257 will intersect with US 50; turn right onto US 50 to Delta. In Delta pick up US 6 heading back to Salt Lake

City. If you rode to Kanab the first day, backtrack on US 89 heading north, and at the Mount Carmel junction, turn left onto US 9 heading west toward Zion National Park. You will come out of Zion Park in Springdale, which is a delightful town. Continue on US 9 toward La Verkin; and in La Verkin turn right onto RT 17 to Toquerville. RT 17 will intersect with I-15; pick up I-15 heading north to Cedar City. In Cedar City, follow the directions above, e.g. pick up RT 130 heading north.

Daniel's Summit, Douglas Pass, Grand Junction, Gateway, Naturita, Dead Horse Point, Canyonlands National Park & Arches National Park, and Solder Summit:

Start by heading east so you are on I-80 heading toward Park City. Exit I-80 onto US 40 heading to Heber City. In Heber City continue on US 40 over Daniel's Summit to Duchesne and Vernal. In Dinosaur, just across the Colorado border, turn right onto RT 64 heading south toward Rangely. Just outside Rangely turn right onto RT 139 heading south to Douglas Pass. RT 139 will intersect with I-70; pick up I-70 to Grand Junction. Exit I-70 for Grand Junction, picking up US 50 heading south southwest. Just past Grand Junction on US 50 you will come to Whitewater. Turn right onto RT 141 heading southwest toward Gateway. In Gateway, visit the car museum at The Gateway Resort; well worth the time. When you leave Gateway, on RT 141, head toward Naturita. RT 141 will intersect with RT 90 just before Naturita; turn right onto RT 90 heading south then west toward Bedrock and La Sal. At La Sal Junction, where RT 90 intersects with RT 191, you can either turn right to Moab or turn left to Monticello. There are two entrances to Canyonlands NP. One entrance to Canyonlands, where the famous Newspaper Rock is located, is between La Sal Junction and Monticello. The other is a few miles north of Moab. This entrance to Canyonlands is also the way to Dead Horse Point, a place you will want to visit. Also, north of Moab you can visit Arches National Park. A few miles north of La Sal Junction is Hole In The Rock, a place you will want to visit. By staying in either Monticello or Moab for the night you will have time to explore the National Parks and still be able to ride back to Salt Lake City on the second day of your trip. To get back to Salt Lake City from Moab, take RT 191 to I-70, pick up I-70 heading west, and exit onto RT 191 heading north to Price. Take the bypass around Price and outside Helper pick up US 6 heading northwest over Solder's Summit to Spanish Fork where you pick up I-15 heading north to Salt Lake City.

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Soda Springs, the Palisades, Swan Valley, Victor, Jackson & Kemmerer, Evanston, Monte Cristo Pass or Mirror Lake Hwy: Start by heading north on I-15 toward Ogden and Brigham City. Exit at exit 362 for Brigham City and pick up US 89 toward Logan. In Logan go straight on Main Street which will become RT 91 heading north to Smithfield and Preston ID. In Preston go right onto RT 34 heading north northeast. Stay on RT 34 heading north to Grace and Soda Springs. RT 34 will intersect with US 30 where you turn right onto US 30 heading east to Soda Springs. In Soda Springs, turn left staying on RT 34 toward Wayan and Freedom. RT 34 will intersect with US 89 in Freedom; turn left onto US 89 heading north to Alpine and Alpine Junction. At Alpine Junction, buy fuel. Depending on the time of day, you can either turn right at Alpine Junction onto RT 26/89 heading east northeast to Jackson, or continue due north on RT 26 to the Palisades and Swan Valley. The Swan Valley route is longer but very pretty. If you do the long route to Swan Valley, in Swan Valley turn right onto RT 31 to Victor and in Victor turn right onto RT 33 to Jackson. RT 33 in Idaho will become RT 22 in Wyoming heading to Jackson. Find lodging in Jackson and spend the evening exploring the town on foot. For the next day heading back to Salt Lake City you can either backtrack or for a totally different route leave Jackson heading south on RT 189 to Hoback. At Hoback Junction turn right onto RT 191/189 heading southwest to Bondurant and Daniel. At Daniel Junction, turn right onto RT 189 heading south to Daniel and Marbleton and La Barge and Kemmerer. Kemmerer is the city where the first JC Penny store was founded. The original store is still there; worth a visit. Stay on RT 189 heading south and you will intersect with I-80; pick up I-80 heading west to Evanston. In Evanston buy fuel. You can either head back to Salt Lake City on I-80, or take Monte Cristo Pass, or take Mirror Lake Hwy. For Monte Cristo, pick up US 89 heading north to Woodruff. In Woodruff turn left onto RT 39 heading west over Monte Cristo Pass into Huntsville. In Huntsville either stay on RT39 heading west down Ogden Canyon, then turn left onto Harrison Blvd at bottom of canyon heading west and then pick up I-15 back to Salt Lake City. Or in Huntsville, on the western outskirts of Huntsville turn left onto RT 167 heading south over Trappers Loop. By now it will be getting twilight and deer will be coming down to forage. To avoid the deer around East Canyon, in Mountain Green at the bottom of Trappers Loop at stop sign, turn right and pick up I-84 heading west toward Ogden. As you come out of the canyon, exit I-84 onto US 89 heading west which will eventually drop you onto I-15 heading back to Salt Lake City.

Sardine Canyon, Bear Lake, Lava Hot Springs, Idaho Falls, Craters of the Moon National Monument & Twin Falls: Start by heading north on I-15 toward Ogden and Brigham City. Exit at exit 362 for Brigham City and pick up US 89 toward Logan. In Logan off of Main Street, turn right at 400 N onto US 89 heading east up Logan Canyon to Garden City at Bear Lake. Turn left staying on US 89 heading north to Paris ID. Just past Paris, turn left onto RT 36 heading northwest to Liber-

ty and Mint Creek. This will intersect with RT 34. Turn right onto RT 34 heading north toward Grace and Soda Springs. This will intersect with US 30. Turn left onto US 30 heading west to Lava Hot Springs. This will intersect with I-15 where you pick up I-15 heading north toward Pocatello. In Pocatello either continue north on I-15 toward Blackfoot and Idaho Falls, or pick up RT 191 heading north. RT 191 runs parallel to I-15. There are a number of decent motels in Idaho Falls for lodging and a few good restaurants. The next day, leave Idaho Falls by picking up RT 20 heading west toward Arco. Arco is where the first atomic power plant was located; tour the museum. In Arco turn left staying on RT 20, now heading southwest. This will take you through Craters of the Moon National Monument, and will become RT 26. In Shoshone, pick up RT 93 heading south to Twin Falls. In Twin Falls you will pick up RT 30/93 heading west, then turn right staying on RT 93 heading south to Jackpot. Stay on RT 93 which will intersect with I-80 in Wells NV and pick up I-80 heading east to Wendover and back to Salt Lake City. If hungry try the buffet at the Peppermill in Wendover. If you have not done so before, visit Bonneville Salt Flats Raceway outside Wendover.

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FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT'S CORNER

Carol and Gary Graham



Gary Graham on the ferry crossing the Danube in Hungary on our way to Slovakia. Visegrad castle on the hilltop behind.



The Graham's with a Polish biker and his passenger. He was rather shocked to see such old bikers and asked to take our picture so that he could send it to his parents to tell them, "It's not too late!"

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MILEAGE CONTEST

Mileage Junkies: Thanks to the following folks who submitted their information within the time frame and are considered to be "official entrants" in this years Montana BMW riders mileage contest: Gary Armstrong, Denise Barrett, Dick French, Gary Graham, Carol Graham, Nick Hoem, Annie Huddy, Chris Keyes, Marg Lang, Kim Lemke, Dave McCormack, Donna McInerney, Mike McInerney, Mike Meredith, Bob Pauley, Chuck Reaves, John Torma, John Webster, Mike Wright, and of course myself! I know some of you are signed up on the C2C program too, so you can "double dip" while having a great time! I look forward to seeing you on the road, and certainly at this year's Christmas Party at Big Sky Motorsports where we'll be announcing the winner of our 2017 mileage contest and awarding the fabulous prizes. Remember, while we only have one winner for the top mileage ridden, the rest of the "official participants" have their names put in a hat and one of us gets drawn for an additional prize! So, it's worth participating....

Larry Banister

Mileage Contest Coordinator

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Guests who made the trip...some trying to get a C2C pic at the same time: Chuck and Caren Reaves, Mike Reaves & Chuck's mother, Evelyn; Dick French & Sandy Knudsen; John & Janet Webster; Larry & Liz Banister and Kathryn, Liz's sister; Dave & Sue McCormack; Tony Brauenreiter; Lynn & Karen Springer, Kevin Kenneally and friend Joe; and Bill Erhardt. ...And three women from the nearby Dude Ranch who filled in the last three seats at our table (they don't ride). Over 20 people enjoyed good food & camaraderie at the Dinner Bell gathering.

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MONTHLY BREAKFAST - MISSOULA - JUNE

Due to circumstances beyond Chuck's control, the monthly breakfast for club members that meets on the first Saturday of the month was moved to the second Saturday. The venue was also changed from Paradise Falls to Lochsa Lodge. Because Lochsa Lodge is one of the C2C Cafes to be captured by participants, we had a fairly large turnout, although some would say that had nothing to do with it...it's the journey. For me, it's the food.



Gotta figure out how to take pictures of folks wearing their Hi-Viz wear without confusing the camera.

DISTILLERY EVENT IN MISSOULA

Kim Lemke reports that there was a gathering of motorcyclists at the Montgomery Distillery in Missoula not too many weeks ago and that many bikes were parked or featured indoors owned by some of the folks who rode the bikes to the event. This is the 2nd or 3rd event put on by the Montgomery Distillery (ed. Note: their Gin is fantastic). Many BMW's of some vintage were featured indoors.



BIKE LIST

-UPSTAIRS-

- #1: 2016 Norton Dominator Mark II
Owner: Steve Robertson
Hand built by Norton Donnington Factory, 1 of 20
- #2: 1915 Harley Davidson Factory Dirt Racer
Owner: Morto
- #3: 1989 BMW R100GS "Bumblebee"
Owner: Ryan Montgomery
Zimbabwean
- #4: 1985 BMW R80GSPD
Owner: Michael DeShore
South African
- #5: 1963 Triumph 500 Trophy
Owner: Gina Olson
Hand-Drawn by Gina Olson
- #6: 1973 Aermacchi Z90
Owner: Mike Schroeder
Custom Cafe Racer
- #7: 2017 BMW R9T Racer
Owner: Big Sky Motorsports
- #8: 2017 Triumph Bonneville Bobber
Owner: Maverick Motorsports
- #9: 1965 Honda 305
Owner: Morto
Custom Salt Flat Racer
- #10: 1974 Norton Commando
Owner: Michael DeShore
Custom work by Number 8 Wire Motorcycles
- #11: 1968 Triumph Trophy 500
Owner: Cyrus Sage
- #12: 1978 Triumph Bonneville 750
Owner: Mark Walter
- #13: 1964 Matchless/Norton Scrambler
Owner: Morto
- #14: 1978 BMW R100RS Sidecar Rig
Owner: Ryan Montgomery
- #15: 2003 BMW R1100S Boxercup
Owner: Ed Seymore #13 of 200
- #16: 1967 BMW R69S
Owner: Geoffrey Sutton
- #17: 1977 BMW R75/7
Owner: Kim Lemke

-DOWNSTAIRS-

- #18: 2004 Moto Guzzi V11 Le Mans Nero Corsa
Owner: Gibson Hartwell
1 of 50 imported to US
- #19: 1929 Indian Scout
Owner: Loyde Eckley / Five Valley Honda
- #20: 1947 Indian Chief
Owner: Pete Blouin
- #21: 1980 Suzuki GS550
Owner: Travis Switzer
Custom Build by Number 8 Wire Motorcycles - "FOR SALE"
- #22: 1979 Kawasaki KZ650
Owner: Colin Cornberg
Custom Build by Number 8 Wire Motorcycles - "FOR SALE"
- #23: 1982 Kawasaki KZ100A "Cowasaki"
Owner: Colin Cornberg
Custom Build by Number 8 Wire Motorcycles
- #24: 1971 Harley Davidson Rapido
Owner: Josie Fox
- #25: 1967 Harley Davidson Sprint SS250
Owner: Grizzly Harley Davidson
- #26: 2017 Harley Davidson XG750A Street Rod
Owner: Grizzly Harley Davidson
- #27: 1988 Harley Davidson Sportster
Owner: Jared Dowell
Custom Build Chopper
- #28: 1975 Harley Davidson Shovelhead
Owner: Jim "Peepers" Bayer
- #29: 1946 Harley Davidson FL
Owner: Trent Schara
Custom Build by Atomic Customs
- #30: 1968 Harley Davidson FLH
Owner: Trent Schara
Custom Build by Atomic Customs
- #31: 1975 Buellaco 250 Pursang
Owner: David Peck
- #32: 1974 CZ 400 Falta Replica
Owner: David Peck
- #33: 1977 Husqvarna 125CR
Owner: David Peck
- #34: 1974 Husqvarna CR250
Owner: Grizzly Harley Davidson
- #35: 1975 Honda Elsinore
Owner: Tony Zeigler
- #36: 1966 BSA 441 Victor MX
Owner: Scott Berryman
- #37: 1969 Honda 90 Scrambler
Owner: Morto
- #38: 1969 Honda SL90
Owner: Montgomery Distillery
Custom "Townie" runabout by Number 8 Wire Motorcycles



MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

DEDICATED TO BRAD WONNACOTT

1954-2017

Open Letter to My Friend and Riding Partner

Brad Wonnacott

Brad, My Friend,

I am so sorry that I was unable to see you off on your final ride; but Life has a way of setting schedules with little concern to our needs or wants sometimes. But I do want to share with you, and with others of us who have ridden with you over the years, things about you that make me smile and make me glad that you are my friend.

*Your initials are **BMW!** How could we in this club not love you; we do remember that, at least for a while, you did ride a Beemer, for which I am sure that all of your transgressions have been forgiven.*

You are a rider who always knew and shared that, in spite of your many years of riding, you always could learn new ways of safely negotiating the road and took advantage of such opportunities, such as the experienced motorcycle riding class. When I rode with you, I was always confident that you were doing all you could to make the trip safe and enjoyable for all.

Between rides – over breakfasts, hamburgers, soups & salads, at scores of eateries, large and small – our conversations were as enjoyable as the rides. And they swung perfectly between fanciful story-telling and serious conversations. We were able to solve all matter of global problems (or at least discuss them) without having to put on boxing gloves or call out the National Guard. The differences in our opinions were less important than the opportunity to share them. And the minor elasticity in the biking stories told was never more than what was understood or expected.

Your mix of work experiences and avocations fascinated me. Working in the Bonner Lumber Mill for many years and deciding to leave while you still had your mental and physical health; getting into carpet and upholstery cleaning; then setting up your own business (Brad's Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning) which I used for over 20 years; exercising your thespian and singing talents by participating in plays at MCT; collecting and trading in a wide variety of knives and swords (I'm glad those never came out during our conversations!); and, of course your love of riding in the wind.

But, over and above all of this, what I most appreciate about who you are is your deep and abiding love for your family – wife, son, daughters, grand kids, cousins, and, yes, the four-legged furry members of your family. We, your biking brothers and sisters, wish you well on your final journey. And we hold Debbie and the rest of your family in our hearts as they journey towards healing and happiness.

Ride on, Brad.

John Torma and your family at the MT BMW Riders Association.

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Brad Wonnacott · 1954-2017

I met Brad in 2003 when I joined the Retreads Motorcycle club. Brad was clearly one of the better riders and as it turned out he and I had the MSF Instructor experience in our backgrounds...making us uniquely connected.

He rode (and still loved) a big, lumbering Kawasaki Vulcan 2000. As a result, I instantly liked him. At the time, I rode a Kawasaki Vulcan Nomad. We formed a small friendship and from time to time as I switched from the Nomad to more aggressive bikes, he continued to ride that big Vulcan, scraping floorboards and pipes trying to keep up. Yet he was a great rider and never hot dogged it or tried to show off his prowess on a bike.

Brad was not much for getting up at the crack of dawn to ride... he was much more of a lunch guy. In his semi-retired life, he would sometimes agree to meet for a ride as early as 9:00 a.m. but grumbled about it under his breath. He was particularly fussy about where he ate to get a ride started. He was not a fan of starting a ride in the old Bud & Shirley's Cafe in Darby, especially if the ride started from there at 9:00 a.m. (thankfully the place was demolished several years ago). Nor was he a fan of the Hayloft. He'd rather zip up the hill to his (and my) favorite eatery, Lochsa Lodge.

I really began to appreciate Brad's talents when we went to see the MCT version of Damn Yankees and marveled at not only his starring role as Joe but also his singing. We were quite touched by his willingness to put himself out there as actors must do.

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Brad loved that Triumph

Recently, Brad and I agreed to do more week day rides and were trying to set up a couple that would include (for my benefit), rides to a Café 2 Café location. The one coming up was to be Quinn's Hot Springs with Brad showing me again, the frontage roads ride back to Missoula, to avoid endless miles on the I90 slab to Missoula.

Brad and I often talked to each other on Facebook/Messenger, sometimes well into the wee hours...nothing earth shaking, just two guys talking back and forth about motorcycles, life in general and worries about the future.

I will miss Brad, our rides and conversations. He was one helluva story teller and funny when you most needed someone to laugh with. He often spoke about his love for his wife and family...and how he wished he had his wife, Debbie's, self discipline.

RIP, Brad

By Dave McCormack...lucky to have known him.

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Brad and youngest grandson, Travis



Brad at a Drummond gathering sitting next to John Torma, with Annie Huddy, Chuck, John Beyrau, Kevin Huddy and Marg Lang.

Brad could ride the heck out of that Triumph but could also make you think he was conserving gas.