

# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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**SEELEY LAKE**

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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20**

**1:00 PM**

## HOME OF THE NEXT BEST RIDE

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER



**T**was the week after Christmas and all through the land was ice and snow and temperatures below. "Bah! Humbug!", said the motorcyclist in me. "I'll plug in the charger and wait and see."

Uffda...unfortunately it is winter. The only way I can get myself through winter is remembering that each day, we are one day closer to spring. And now that we've passed the winter solstice, each day will be brighter/longer. Yeah!

The Christmas Party at *Big Sky Motorsports* was almost a record for attendance and it seemed everyone had a great time. Though Santa was not in attendance, we had some very famous guests, Café 2 Café instigators, Kevin and Annie Huddy from Helena; Annie purchasing a beautiful R1200GS to make the season bright! Mike McInerney drove all the way up from Colorado and Ed and Kathy Field came over from Helena. See Ed's pictures of the party on our Facebook page. Ed's photography is awesome and big thank you to him for donating one of his framed photos for a party give-away. A big thank you to all those who helped put the party on including.... Nate Bertland for hosting, Liz and Larry Banister, Dick French, Mike McInerney, Kim Lemke and Greg Hintz for helping with all the decorations and setting-up. Also, a thank you to Larry Banister for Master of Ceremonies and running the White Elephant pandemonium.

Yes, it is winter and a good one to boot. I pray that the snow we are receiving is the panacea to keep forest fires and smoke at bay this summer. Unfortunately, the default in the kind of winter we're having is hunkering down, reading (mostly about motorcycle related things), planning rides and adventures for the new year and/or getting out the snow mobiles, skis, skates, and ice fishing houses. Today, the first day of the new year, there's football.

If you have a heated workshop of course there's the possibility of some good work projects to get the bike ready for next year. If not...well, you can plan on another fun tech session at the Huddy Outpost in Helena, Kevin and Annie Huddy host in May. Or take advantage of Big Sky BMW's 20% off on labor for needed repairs, putting on new 'farkles' or doing a project...Big Sky's offer is good to the end of January! (This winter you might need them to come and get your bike). And, there will be a few meetings to gather round the mythical motorcycle fires, along with some good food and conversation. Before riding season begins, perhaps you'll take time to contact a rider friend for a cup-a-joe, a piece of pie and talk possible trips you might take together this summer. We'll have some 'to be announced' tech sessions over the winter, so keep an eye out for those.

It is a pretty long and quiet time between the end of last riding season, our annual Christmas party, and the first day in the New Year it gets above...35'?, 40'?, 50'...whatever your lowest personal riding temperature may be. I don't know about you, but I plan to make up for last year's disappointing smoke-filled riding season with lots of miles both on-road and off-road.

Our next meeting is January 20, a Saturday, (to avoid the NFL playoff schedule) and is set for Double Arrow Lodge in Seeley Lake. The food and venue are good ones. I love their chef inspired menu and that roaring fire they have in the big stone fireplace in the main lodge. Will Long John Torma ride again? You'll have to come to find out. Hope to see you then. Till then keep warm, shop for those unfulfilled motorcycle Christmas presents and get to planning for the 2018 riding season!

Happy Trails!!

**Missoula Area Monthly Breakfast Reminder**

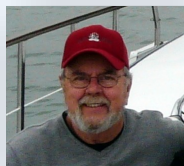
**Saturday, January 6 at the Press Box at 9:00 a.m.**

**See you there.**

*Chuck*

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## EDITOR'S CORNER



So ends another year of Newsletters and a feeling of anticipation for what 2018 could or should become for our club and the news it will generate. It wasn't until Dick French put together the retrospective of 2017 club activities that I realized we had a very busy year, from off road classes, regular meetings and Saturday specials, to tech sessions and all manner of M/C activities.

We had a small gathering of members at the Saturday session on December the 9th (moved our regular 1st Saturday of the month meeting in Missoula to the following Saturday), so as not to take away from the club Christmas party on the 2nd. Some of us just can't get enough of the winter fellowship around motorcycles.



*Dave*

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## FACEBOOK CORNER



If you didn't already know it, we have a club Facebook page. Everyone is welcome to view, post photos or add messages. Please feel free to contribute pics from a club ride, an impromptu get together, an interesting event such as a bike show, scenic ride, new hangout, or even new gadgets. If you do not have a Facebook account, I can post the photo for you to the timeline if you prefer. This is a great place for communication between members and sharing pics or anything else you feel is appropriate to the other members or visitors. Just remember, as with any open site on the internet, the world is your audience. If you do not have our page bookmarked yet, or do not know how to find us, just search Facebook with the name "Montana BMW Riders".

Please check it out sometime, and if you don't already have a Facebook account, take the plunge and sign up! Also, if you need my email address, it always appears on the last page of the club newsletter along with the club officers and VIPs. I'll be looking forward to seeing your

comments, messages and photos this riding season!

Thanks much, and Happy New Year!

*Terry Kay*

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## MILEAGE CONTEST



The annual Christmas party was an outstanding success.... great time with great food, great company, and actually a nice evening to make the trip. If you missed it, you missed out! The club provides an outstanding event.... some "bennies" for your dues!

I have attached (next page) the "official results" of the 2017 mileage contest. As you can see, overall the mileage numbers were down from previous years. It seems like the "normal" Montana summer (fires, smoke and HOT) cut into everyone's riding, excepting for Mike McInernery, who is this year's winner and who lives in Colorado! He received a \$75 gift certificate to Big Sky Motorsports and had his name engraved on the Montana BMW Riders Mileage plaque... Stop by and see it at Big Sky Motorsports. Mike made the trip all the way from Colorado to be in attendance. If we'd been handing out awards to the individual who came the furthest for the party, he'd have won hands down. (Maybe this is how he gets those miles??) The remaining names of the "official participants" were placed in a hat and Chuck Reaves was drawn out for a "participants prize" of a \$50 Visa card, which he told me he's already spent a couple of times over!!

Thanks to everyone who participated. It is always a fun time and getting a few bucks for the effort doesn't hurt either! Hope you'll join us next year...look for the official contest details in the spring! In the meantime, enjoy the season!

*Larry Banister*

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## 2017 Montana BMW Riders Mileage Contest

Beginning April 8, 2017-Ending October 8, 2017

Name	Motorcycle	End Miles	Begin Miles	Miles, All Bikes	Total Miles	Place
<b>Banister, Larry French, Dick</b>	Triumph 800	11,020	6,846.00	4,174	4,147	
	F800GS	10,281	6,029.00	4,252		
	KLX 250	4,215	3,926.00	289	4,541	
<b>Graham, Gary</b>	F650 single	56,576	54,571.00	2,005		
	F650 twin	28,634	24,968.00	3,666	5,671	
<b>Graham, Carol</b>	F650 single	51,396	49,391.00	2,005		
	F650 twin	31,395	27,729.00	3,666	5,671	
<b>Huddy, Annie</b>	07 F650GS	21,031	21,016.00	15		
	11 F 650GS	50,329	50,165.00	164		
	14 F800GS	40,680	32,702.00	7,978	8,157	
<b>Keyes, Chris</b>	R100RT	122,571	120,501.00	2,070		
	F650GS	15,645	15,231.00	414		
	R1200GSA	17,754	14,924.00	2,830	5,314	
<b>Lang, Marg</b>	F700GS(KM)	72,017	68,373.00	2,265		
	F650GS (KM)	159,826	159,722.00	65		
<b>Lemke, Kim</b>	K100RT-(KM)	184,661	177,155.00	4,665	6,994	
	R75/7	75,368	75,253.00	115		
	Enfield 535GT	3,867	3,244.00	623		
	K100RS	84,679	80,078.00	4,601	5,339	
<b>McCormack, Dave</b>	Spyder ST-LTD	20,306	14,567.00	5,739	5,739	
<b>McInerney, Donna</b>	R1200GS	84,818	76,501.00	8,317	8,317	<b>3</b>
<b>McInerney, Mike</b>	R1200GS	18,634	7.00	18,627		
				0	18,627	<b>1</b>
<b>Meredith, Mike</b>	F800ST	42,721	30,672.00	12,049		
	R1100RT			0	12,049	<b>2</b>
<b>Pauley, Bob</b>	Tenere	49,620	41,677.00	7,943	7,943	
<b>Reaves, Chuck</b>	R1100RS	71,201	68,248.00	2,953		
	R1200GS	4,071	3,214.00	857		
	F650GS	18,032	16,105.00	1,927	5,737	
<b>Torma, John</b>	K1200LT	88,022	83,187.00	4,835	4,835	
<b>Webster, John</b>	K1200LT	52,953	48,890.00	4,063		
	KLR650	14,700	14,525.00	175	4,238	
<b>Wright, Mike</b>	R1200GS	42,315	39,970.00	2,345	2345	

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## SECRETARY/TREASURER'S CORNER



As of the Christmas party, we had 79 active members (2017 member year) and 35 have paid 2018 dues already.

Thanks to all for your continuing support of the MT BMW Club.

*Chris Keyes*

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"If it weren't for Philo T. Farnsworth, inventor of the television, we'd still be eating frozen dinners in front of the radio." - Johnny Carson

## CAFÉ TO CAFÉ RESULTS

### Final Results for the 2017 Montana BMW Riders Cafe 2 Cafe Contest

Eleven stalwart riders participated in the pursuit of fine dining and great riding this year. Each is worthy of high praise and admiration for their commitment to spreading the word throughout our state and region about our club, riding and eating.... hey, they were hungry. Each is now officially designated as a "Pro Epicure" and can proudly wear the highly coveted 2017 C2C t-shirt that so indicates.

And the top Epicures are:

5th Place Overall and First Place in the Working Slob Division:	John Webster, 18 Cafes
4th Place Overall and Second Place in the Senior Division:	Dave McCormack, 30 Cafes
3rd Place Overall:	Annie Huddy, 38 Cafes
2nd Place Overall and First Place in the Senior Division:	Mike Meredith, 41 Cafes
1st Place Overall:	Kevin Huddy, 43 Cafes

Other participants: Chuck Reaves, Dick French, Carol Graham, Gary Graham, Steve Moore, Larry Bannister

Get ready for another season of high stakes riding competition in 2018. Cafes are out and State Parks are in as Carol and Gary Graham bring you the 2018 Park-2-Park Ride. You will be riding across the state to visit Montana's 50+ state parks with friends old and new. And yes, you can still stop at the occasional cafe along the way. Watch for news about the upcoming 2018 Park-2-Park Ride in the pages that follow.

*Kevin*



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## 2018 PARK2PARK CONTEST



**W**here in Montana is Brush Lake? How about Lake Elmo or Ackley Lake? Have you been to Pirogue Island or Sluice Box? Can you find Hell Creek State Park on a map? Now is your chance to

explore them all!

While you are trying to recover from the dual misfortunes of eating too much at the New Year's feast and stressing over the lack of saddle time for the foreseeable future, this is something to occupy your idle time. To give Kevin Huddy a deserved break from his ably managed Café 2 Café competitions, the Grahams (Carol and Gary) were coerced into organizing the contest this year. It will be reengineered into the Montana BMW Riders' *Park2Park* contest. The goal this year is to check off another item on our bucket lists, take us to some of the prettier areas of the state and to give us an incentive to spend more time in the saddle. The idea is to visit all **53** of the beautiful Montana State Parks (or at least a bunch of them) scattered from Dagmar to Dillon and from Ekalaka to Elkhorn. January and February are the ideal months to devote to planning the most efficient and scenic routes between the locations. You may want to plan on carrying your camping gear with you since many of the parks have campgrounds. Several of the destinations will even give you a chance to sharpen your off-pavement skills. While you are riding around the state, keep your eyes out for the cafes that we feasted at during the last two years for repeat visits. While the top three riders in two categories (Retired or Worker) will receive recognition, the fun is in participating.

This year, like last, the contest will run from 1 April until 1 November 2018. If you are interested in participating just send an email with your name and address along with your status (working - like having a job - or retired - like just having fun) to the Grahams ([gandcgraham@gmail.com](mailto:gandcgraham@gmail.com)). We will send you a complete set of rules and a list, including GPS coordinates, of all of the destinations. The parks can also be found at <http://stateparks.mt.gov/>. For those of you who like your commemorative T-shirts, the rules will contain information about how to get them.

See you on the road in April.

*Carol & Gary*

## SAFETY CORNER



**T**his article came to my attention a few months back and I thought you'd enjoy it for what it relays from our neighboring state, Idaho. (Reprinted with permission.)

### IDAHO MOTORCYCLE FATALITY SUMMARY

**By Lane Triplett**

**Idaho Coalition for Motorcycle Safety**

For the last seven years, I have been gathering data from the State of Idaho Vehicle Collision Reports for Motorcycles for the years 2009 through 2016. This project began during one of the initial planning sessions for the Idaho Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) Motorcycle Safety Committee. One of the strategies outlined was to analyze the data and identify some of the circumstances contributing to Idaho's motorcycle fatalities. This analysis continues to be a work in progress and more information and data will be added if it becomes available. This document includes reports from 2012 through 2016. The 2009 through 2011 data has been archived. Most studies of this type require 5 years of data to be considered accurate. This is not a government study. It has been formulated by a motorcyclist. Factual knowledge is the only agenda.

There were 22 fatalities in 2012, 26 fatalities in 2013, 25 fatalities in 2014, 28 fatalities in 2015 and 22 fatalities in 2016 included in 121 reports. Moped and scooter crashes are included. Two reports include 2 victims. Eight of these 123 fatalities were passengers (all female). The following chart is a sampling of causation factors. Some crashes include multiple factors. While it is possible that some of the single vehicle crashes may have been affected by an unreported animal or other vehicle, there is no data, physical evidence, or statements within the reports to support such occurrences.

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Rider error means that the actions of the rider were the primary cause of the crash. Driver error means that an automobile or other vehicle type caused the crash.

Alcohol and drug use continues to be a significant factor in fatalities. The goal is to provide accurate information about impairment. However, it is sometimes difficult to ascertain the effect that impairment may have had in a fatal crash. All levels of alcohol impairment are recorded but those that are under the legal limit are noted as such. It is recognized that some degree of impairment begins below the legal limit. In addition, THC/marijuana use can be detected by a blood test for approximately 30 days. Therefore when a rider tests positive for THC and/or has a low to moderate BAC level, it is difficult to determine to what degree they were under the influence at the time of the crash. But because of the positive drug test, the crash must be recorded as impairment involved. Alcohol/drug use by the drivers of other vehicles shall also be recorded as impairment involved but noted as such. Prescription drugs for depression and others that do not specifically restrict driving may also be a factor in crashes, but because they are legal they are not recorded in the percentages for impairment.

Of the total 123 fatalities in 121 crash reports, 86 crashes were identified as rider error. Twenty-One of the crashes are without question the fault of another vehicle operator. In six crashes, the rider survived but the passenger did not. This analysis does not include detailed information on serious injuries, levels of injury or other involved crashes. It should be noted that 26 fatalities were from out of state (24 riders, 2 passengers). Twenty-three of those riders were endorsed, three were not, and 3 are unknown. Of the 91 Idaho riders involved in fatal crashes, 55 had their motorcycle endorsement, 36 did not and 3 Idaho residents had an out of state license. One Idaho rider was riding on a suspended license. Of the 91 Idaho riders, only 16 had passed an Idaho rider training course. One Washington licensed rider had passed an Idaho training course. These training and endorsement numbers include the riders that survived when their female passengers did not. Some of these riders may have been trained in other states but such information is unavailable.

## General conclusions from this analysis:

- We (riders) are killing ourselves at a far greater rate than we had ever assumed prior to this study (—71% rider error).
- 69% of victims are over 40 years old and 49% are between the ages of 40 and 59.
- Crashes in corners are the biggest killers (—38% run off corner).
- 35% of involved Idaho licensed riders did not have a motorcycle endorsement.
- Illegal drug and alcohol use contributed in many cases (—36% illegal alcohol/drug involvement by riders).
- Drivers violating riders' right-of-way is also a contributing factor (—17%).
- Only 18% of involved Idaho licensed riders had passed a rider training course.

You can find more about the charts and study at :

<http://www.abateofnorthidahobikers.org/Articles/Idaho%20Motorcycle%20Fatality%20Summary%202016.pdf>

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## PICTURE OF THE MONTH



*What makes Joyce (a.k.a. "Annie") Huddy smile? An early Christmas present she gave herself in the form of a 2017 R1200 GS, right off the showroom floor. Her long winter evenings can be spent on the web searching for all of those after-market add-ons to be ready for the first adventure in 2018. The pressure will be on Kevin (the other half of the Huddy's) to have them bolted on and functioning by the time the ambient temperature reaches "tolerable". Since this one appears to be a sibling to Kevin's recently acquired R1200 GSA, we will be curious who will have the family bragging rights to who does what better, faster or longer by the end of the 2018 riding season. Caption by Dick French*

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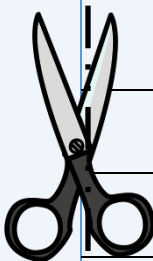
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## 2018 Ride Schedule

Month	Date	City	Place	Sat/Sun	Time
Jan	20	Seeley Lake	Double Arrow Lodge	Sat	1:00 PM
Feb	18	Avon	Avon Cafe	Sun	1:00 PM
Mar	18	Missoula	The Press Box	Sun	1:00 PM
Apr	15	Lincoln	Lambkins	Sun	1:00 PM
May	20	Philpsburg	Sunshine Café	Sun	1:00 PM
Jun	16	Big Fork	Echo Lake Cafe	Sat	1:00 PM
Jul	21	Choteau	Log Cabin	Sat	1:00 PM
Aug	19	Wisdom	The Crossings	Sun	1:00 PM
Sep	15	Three Forks	Sacajawea Inn	Sat	1:00 PM
Oct	21	Ovando	Trixi's	Sun	1:00 PM
Nov	18	Drummond	Wagon Wheel	Sun	1:00 PM
Dec	8	Missoula	Big Sky Motorsports	Sat	5:30-8:30 PM

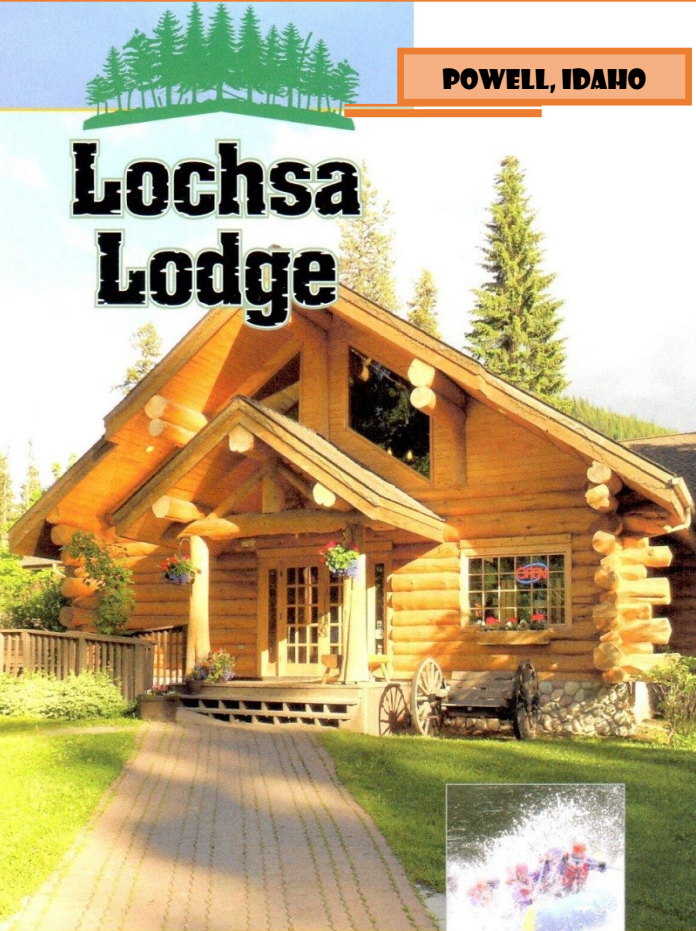


*For this coming year, 2018, we've listened. As a result, we've added two different meeting places that you might find challenging: The Press Box in Missoula in March and the Sacajawea Inn in Three Forks in September.*

*We always 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 our riders and be open both Saturday and/or Sunday. Send your suggestions to Chuck Reaves, Chris Keyes or Dave McCormack.*

*All our meetings begin at 1:00 p.m. so that we don't push local restaurant patrons out and create an issue for the staff. We always call ahead and confirm we are coming. Therefore, we encourage members not to request seating until 1:00 p.m.*





**POWELL, IDAHO**




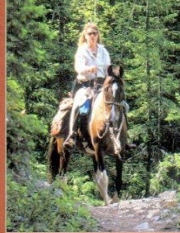
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**November 1<sup>st</sup> and going to January 31<sup>st</sup>...Big Sky Motor Sports will be giving a discount of 20% off labor in the service department.**

**Whenever you are shopping at Big Sky Motor Sports, always remember to ask for 10% off as a member.**



**A VERY SATISFIED CUSTOMER...** Annie Huddy bought this bike at Big Sky Motor-sports on the day of the MT BMW Riders Club Christmas Party. No better endorsement could be had.

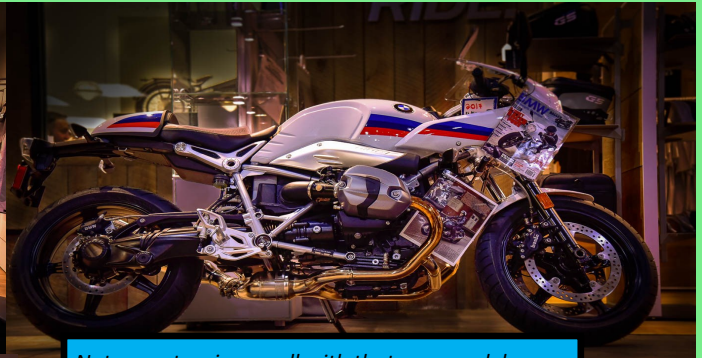


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## CHRISTMAS PARTY AT BIG SKY MOTORSPORTS



Kevin wondering if she's really going to try and ride it home. Mike McInernery thinking about lending Annie the down payment.



Nate was teasing us all with that new model.



Chuck and Nate discussing how many chicken pieces were going to be left over for his crew the next day.



McCormacks and Pohlands waiting for the dinner



Over 40 people attended the party...and were having a great time.



Annie and Liz laughing about the clucking chicken gift. A banner evening for the Huddy family.



Dick French with a Pro Epicure Café 2 Café T-Shirt. Happy Guy!



The stash of White Elephant gifts.

Photos  
**By Ed Field**



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## CHRISTMAS PICTURES FROM VARIOUS CONTRIBUTORS



It was a great party... Thanks to contributors, set up and tear down folks and to the gang at Big Sky Motor-sports for making the upstairs a club hangout and party venue. Also for staying open until after hours and providing the all time best discounts.

At the end of the dessert area, our older riders were clearly thinking ahead.

**BMW MOA rally in Des Moines, Iowa is the meeting place on Saturday July 14th.  
Put it on your calendars!**