

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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Montana BMW Riders



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NEXT MEETING

THREE FORKS

SACAJAWEA HOTEL

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15

1:00 PM

-HOME OF THE NEXT BEST RIDE-

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Having just come back from the weekend ride to Wisdom, I am impressed with how many riders are getting

out now. The streets of Wisdom were filled with riders of all makes of motorbikes. Most of the bikes by Fetty's were road bikes of various makes with many GS models thrown in. Across the street it was cruisers, most being Harleys. I also saw so many bikes on the road over the two days our group of 5 toured the Big Hole, specifically Bannack State Park (check) the Polaris Scenic Byway, Elkhorn Hot Springs and The Wise River Club (for coffee and cinnamon toast). That Big Hole offers so much; fun roads! The Polaris Scenic Byway that runs from Hiway 278 south of Jackson up to Wise River is one of the best motorcycle roads in Montana. You can't help but love the Twisties and the views of all the mountains surrounding the Big Hole, the Beaverheads, the Pioneers, the Pintlers, and the Bitterroots. All are spectacular and the condition of almost all the roads is good quality whether you are cruising or in sport mode.

There were approximately 23 members at *Fetty's The Crossing*. As usual Diane and crew at *Fetty's* did a fantastic job serving us and everyone else. That place is always packed with tourists, cowboys & cowgirls, bikers...with or without motors, and the locals all enjoying the great menu *Fetty's* offers which also includes my favorite; a list as long as your arm of fresh homemade PIES!

Those attending this year's fun rendezvous there were:

From Helena: Kevin & Annie Huddy, R1200GSA & R1200GS; Bob Rennick, R1100S; Steve Moore, R1200RT; Blair Krumm, R100/7 & winner of the raffle prize! Yeah Blair!

From Missoula: Larry & Liz Banister, F150; Dick French & our favorite chaperone, Sandy Knudsen, 944 Porsche; Kim Lemke, K100RS; Jim Krausch, R1200GS & guest Lee Snider, R1200RT; new members Lynden Clark, R1200GSA & Chris Rausch R1100RT; Chris Froines, Honda Africa Twin & guest Mark, Yamaha FJR; Phil Yasenak, Triumph Trophy; guest Carol Helm, F650GS, come on back Carol!

From Bozeman: Mike Kreikermeier, R1200GS; Tom Moe, R1200RT; new member Doug McVickar, R1200RT.

From Townsend: Lance Lerum, R1100R.

From the Bitterroot: Ken Senn, Triumph Trophy.

Next month: We ride towards our Bozeman members; to the historic Sacajawea Inn in Three Forks Saturday September 15th. Same time, 1:00 PM. Lunch will be in the basement at the Sacajawea Inn. Thinking of riding dirt part way? So, if you are interested, keep it in mind. I'll have to work out the details and let you know. Summer 2018 to me has overall been a great riding season weather wise. Certainly, I always wish there were more open dates but that's on me. We did have a little smoke issue at the end of August but compared to the summer of 2017 this riding season was literally a breath of fresh air.

Like everyone else I'm bemoaning that summer is over. But that sobering thought has me protecting and scheming to ride every possible riding day that's left this fall. Hope you are of the same mind. Looking ahead to 2019, we will be setting up the club rides over the next few months for next year. If any of you have a

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special place you like and think it'd be a great place for our club to meet, let me or any other club officer know. Some thank you's are in order: shout out to Chris Keyes for organizing the Bend Guard Cabin ride in July. What a great venue and time we all had. Where to next year Chris?! Thanks also to Chris for the high-quality job he does as secretary/treasurer. He's been very busy this year with lots of new members coming on board. I believe we have over 90 paid members now. That's a job, keeping those records. Thanks to Dave McCormack for his commitment to making the newsletter a top-class publication and his attention to detail especially putting in all those pictures and getting everything just right. Thanks to Gary & Carol Graham for organizing & managing the really fun Park2Park ride event this year. Park2Park was a great impetus to ride and I know I discovered places I never knew were there. Salute! And thanks for the T-shirts which, if you haven't gotten yours yet, contact Gary. Thanks to Mike Wright! The web site is a great place to connect and find out about the Montana BMW Riders and that is where a lot of our new members are coming from. I'm also hoping this winter Mike will put on an adventure travelogue about his ride on the Washington Back Country Discovery Route...with pictures! Yes, even the embarrassing ones...crashing and burning never goes out of style! Thanks to Dick French for his unwavering support to report on our club meetings, submitting great pictures and making the meetings a friendlier place.

Thanks also to all of you members for participating, coming to the meetings and making this a fun club to belong to. We're always looking for member stories in the newsletter, pictures for the website, help organizing events, doing talks or presentations about what we love... riding motorcycles, doing reviews on gear, and also having members come on board as executive committee members or club officers. Some have mentioned a swap meet for next year. Anyone willing to help with that let me know. Lots of clothing shrinks in the closets over the winter.

Best wishes for great riding this fall. Hope to see you in Three Forks September 15th.

Till then Happy Trails!!

Chuck Reaves

MOA CORNER

***Billings Area Lunches, cattleguards & BMWMOA Membership
- Tom Moe, BMWMOA Regional Coordinator***



We had a get acquainted meeting at the Rib and Chop House in Billings on August 11 and it was attended by 12 people: Gary and Barb Smith, Gary and Rosemary Armstrong, Kirk, Zari and Kathy Eastman, Donald McComas, Pat Endres, Mike Hofferber, Dale Butterfield and me. We had good attendance a lot of fun and hope to keep that ball rolling. Thanks to Mike Hofferber for helping and bringing a friend.

We are having a second MTBMWriders and BMWMOA get acquainted no host lunch meetings on September 8 at the Rib & Chop House, 1849 Majestic Ln, Billings, MT 406-839-9200. We will meet at 1:00 PM to allow the regular lunch crowd to thin out. This will be an informal get-together to measure the support for a monthly lunch meeting and the beginning of an effort to get eastern MT members together more often. Call or text me at 916-919-6770 to RSVP. I unfortunately will not be able to make the event but will reserve the room and hope many will attend.

I am searching for a date to get the Bozeman area members together but having a bit of a problem with my September calendar being too full. When I am able to set the date, I will get the word out via email. So, keep tuned in. Probably meet at Kountry Korner Cafe, 81820 Gallatin Road, Bozeman which is actually in Four Corners.

We sure had a nice lunch in Wisdom August 26. There were about 20 + people there and a good time was had by all. Riders came from many directions braving the somewhat cool temperatures for late August. Thanks to Chuck Reaves for continuing to set these lunches up.

I made a nice loop – Bozeman to Anaconda to Wisdom to Jackson to Dillon and back to Bozeman stopping at Bannack to get a Park-to-Park photo. Not that I have that many, but still a nice stop. I got wet from Three Forks to Homestake Pass and then it was nice but chilly the rest of the way.

I am always cautious on cattleguards at on and off ramps squaring up to hit them and noticed they are even more treacherous when wet. I recommend not hitting them in a lean.

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Ride safe, keep the rubber side down.

Tom Moe

BMWMOA Regional Coordinator

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GUARD CABIN WRAPUP



By Chris Keyes

“They Did Bend, but They Did Not Brake: What Happened at the Bend Guard Station, with Literary Embellishments”

Toward the Bend Guard Station the eleven set forth, borne by nine BMW motorcycles and one Toyota Landcruiser. With them they carried fishing tackle, cooling vests, koozies, and cookies. They arrived from the south and they arrived from the north, from as far as Bozeman and as near as Whitefish. Some arrived early, some arrived late. All arrived dusty and cheery.

One rider began his journey with slim knowledge of his destination. Along the Thompson River he inquired of many a fisherman, “There an old cabin up this road?” The common reply, “Mmm, probably so,” aided him not. Yet he arrived. How much tire tread does a motorcycle truly need? On razor thin rubber one rider came. Much chided was he by his fellows. Discouraged, however, he was not. And he arrived.

Motorcycles soon filled the yard, each one lovely and uniquely special. Like red-light tarts they beckoned, drawing the men close. Cigars and mechanical insights were generously shared. Riders paired off in scholarly debates over farkles, fuels, and final drives, while onlooking colleagues tendered their judgments with nods of approval or grunts of dissension.

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The heat rose. A party of four wandered down a steep path to the nearby river. Into the shallows two cautiously waded, into a pool one recklessly dived; one shrugged and ashore he remained. Together all four struggled back up the slope, shod as they were by flip-flops and Crocs inadequate to the task.



As the shadows swelled so did hunger pangs, until at last dinnertime was signaled by the arrival of the final two riders. Sausages sizzled in pans while vermicelli noodles blackened the bottom of an undersized pot. The men's bellies were

quickly filled, but they retained an unsatiated appetite for tales of travels taken, of great rallies and great roads.

But for the radiant stars, the night that settled was ink black. The men gathered around a blazing campfire. For hours they remained, engulfed as they were in equal measure with enthusiasm and wood smoke. Chatter and laughter filled the night sky while bottles were drained of their contents. As the night grew long the tales grew ever longer. Succumbing to sleepiness or sensibility, each in turn drifted off to bed.



At dawn's rise, and some time beyond, they too rose and staggered to the kitchen. Feasting on bacon, eggs, and coffee, their spirits and conversations rekindled. One by one they sidled off to pack their panniers and don their garments of bulk. Wielding Windex and Brawny, sponge and broom, together they restored new luster to the



humble cabin. In progression, each at last bid his fellows – now fast friends – a hearty farewell. Some roared off with zest, eagerly making fresh tracks. Others lingered, easing away at last with a final nod or wave. As dust and silence settled, none but the cabin and its legends remained.

Making history at the Bend Guard Station were:

Dave Dixon (F800GS), Lakeside

Mark Johnson (F800GS), Kalispell

Chris Keyes and Wyatt Keyes (Toyota Landcruiser), Missoula

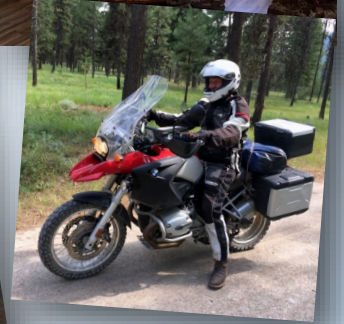
Mike Kreikemeier (R1200GS), Belgrade

Joseph Puglielli (S1000XR) and Max Puglielli (F700GS), Whitefish

Chuck Reaves (R1200GS) and Mike Reaves (F650GS), Missoula

Joe Schletz (F650GS), Bigfork

Bob Testut (R1200GS), Bozeman



Chris Keyes

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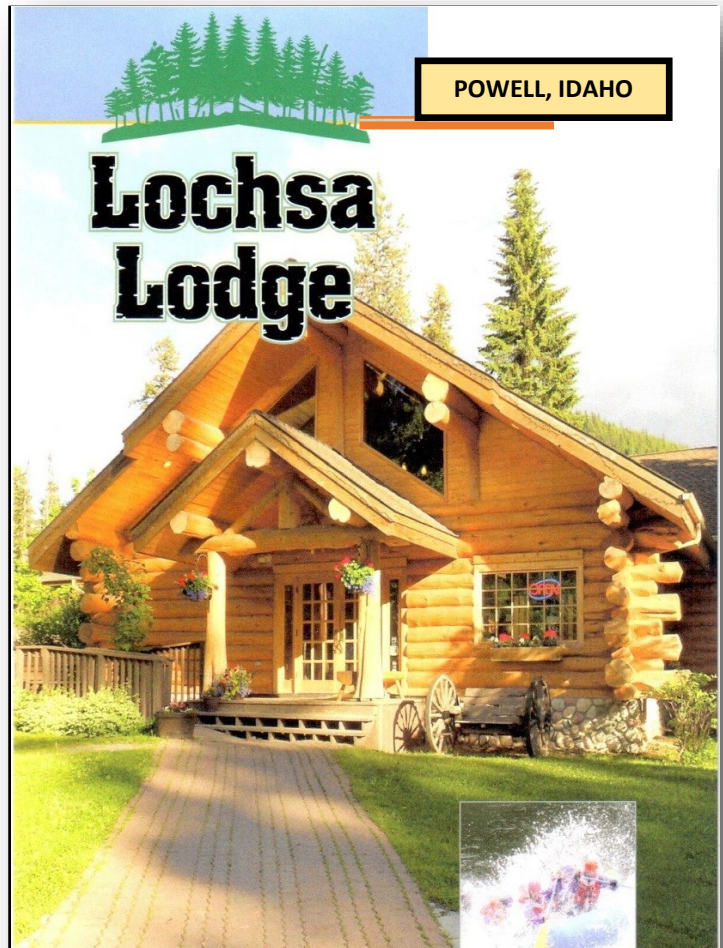
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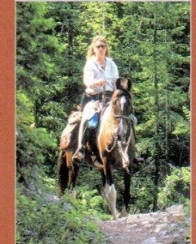
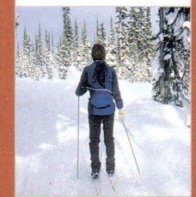
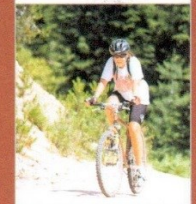


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2018 RIDE SCHEDULE



Month	Date	City	Place	Sat/Sun	Time
✓ Jan	21	Seeley Lake	Double Arrow Lodge	Sat	1 PM
✓ Feb	18	Avon	Avon Cafe	Sun	1 PM
✓ Mar	18	Missoula	The Press Box	Sun	1 PM
✓ Apr	15	Lincoln	Lambkins	Sun	1 PM
✓ May	18-20	Helena	Huddy's Tech Days	F,S,S	1 PM
✓ May	20	Philipsburg	Sunshine Station	Sun	1 PM
✓ Jun	16	Big Fork	Echo Lake Cafe	Sat	1 PM
✓ Jul	21	Choteau	Log Cabin	Sat	1 PM
✓ Aug	26	Wisdom	The Crossings	Sun	1 PM
Sep	15	Three Forks	Sacajawea Inn	Sat	1 PM
Oct	21	Ovando	Trixi's	Sun	1 PM
Nov	18	Drummond	Wagon Wheel	Sun	1 PM
Dec	8	Missoula	Big Sky Motorsports	Sat	5:30 PM

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Park 2 Park

Only two months left to see Montana's Parks. The Fall colors should be brilliant and hot weather is now no excuse. Eighteen riders have scored more than one park and a couple have just signed up. It's not too late to join the fun! Happy trails.

Gary or Carol Graham

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Historian's Corner



21 Years ago, club meeting at Willow Creek (west of Bozeman). Tail of Lynn Springer's K75 RT at left, Blue & White Air-Head; John Beyrau can't remember the others.

Kim Lemke

Editor's Corner

Several months ago, I told Chuck that I was retiring from the newsletter editor position to pursue other interests and return to just being a dues paying member as of the end of this calendar year. To confirm, the newsletter position is open as of January 2019 (or earlier). I am willing to assist whomever takes the position for a reasonable amount of time. It is a challenging job and begs for someone to come along with their own perspective and talent as I did. When I took over from Ken Taylor, who had the job for 10 years, I floundered for about 3-4 months and the membership was very forgiving while I began to make it my own. We're now at a point where contributors are many as are photographers. With spell check and grammar check attached to most word processing and publishing software, there should be no major worry about getting things right. I'd be happy to talk with anyone interested and give you all the help you need to get started. If you're interested, give Chuck a ring or email or text and let him know.

Volunteerism was what I looked forward to when I retired some 15 years ago. For this club, I've given a little more than 5 years of my time and feel that the volunteer positions should now belong to active and younger motorcyclists than I. I'm going to be traveling quite a bit in 2019 and 2020 and saw no way that I could continue to do a good job of shepherding the newsletter from distant shores.

Dave

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FIRST SATURDAY—QUINN'S HOT SPRINGS

Dick French



Say “Food” and they will come. We had 12 riders on a very pretty Saturday congregated at Quinn’s Hot Springs for the Club’s “First Saturday Breakfast.”

Greg Hintz and Don Duel took time out from their continental travels to ride in on their spotless Honda Goldwings. Carol and Gray Graham rode in and distributed “Park2Park” Tee shirts.

The group also included Chris Torma (Triumph Bonneville T12) and John Torma (BMW K1200LT), Dave Dixon (BMW F800GS), Wes Issac (Harley Davidson Anniversary), Todd Van Alstyne (BMW R1200GS), Gordon Phillips (BMW R1200RT), Gary Ewing (Honda Goldwing) and Norm Jarvis (Triumph Tiger 800).

John DiBari stopped by long enough to collect his well earned Park2Park Tee shirt and return to Missoula to catch the end of his son’s Snow Bowl run.

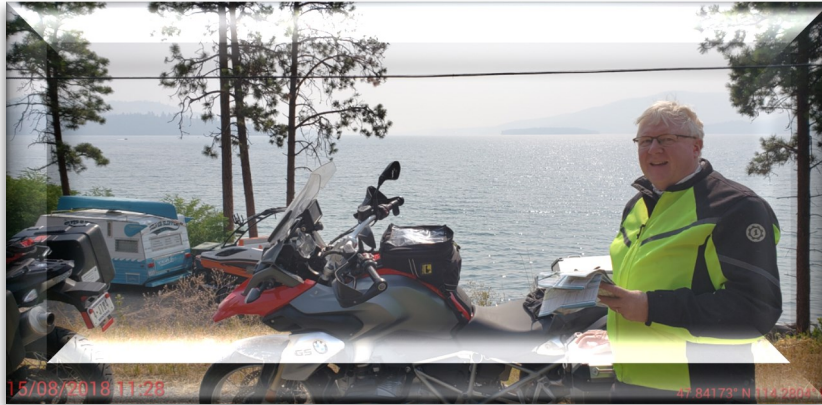


Chuck discovered during his edit, that there were four intrepid riders (Chuck, Dave Dixon, Dick French and John DiBari) who traveled Siegel Pass to get to Quinn’s who were not mentioned in this page... a dirt road riding feat which was clearly worth noting.

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WILD HORSE ISLAND—PARK2PARK

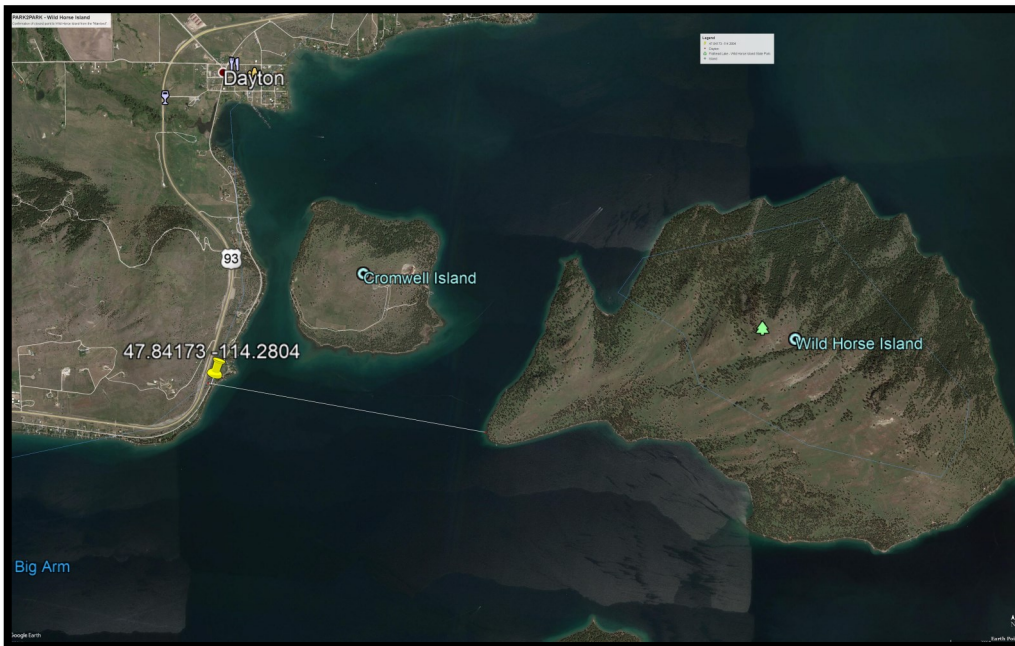
Dick French



For those who have not documented Wild Horse Island State Park on their Park2Park list, you may find visibility limited by smoke on Flathead Lake. Having added this Park during clear weather, I offered to guide President Chuck Reaves to the appropriate location on the 'mainland' closest to Wild Horse Island. The photo on the left shows the island is not identifiable through

the smoke. His expression fully communicates his skepticism—that and the fact he has a paper map in his hand. But my cell phone Google map app with the blue "your are here" dot saved the day showing Wild Horse Island was a mere 1.5 miles on a heading of 99.33 degrees from our location.

However, I can't explain the non-use of the GPS mounted on Chuck's motorcycle.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ed. Note: We've had a spate of new and returning members over the last several months and it seemed like a good time to make note of them. Welcome aboard. Where there is missing information, new members can go to our web page and enter additional information to flesh out their profile.

Robert Carpenter Missoula BMW 650GS

Jeff Kooris Missoula 1999 BMW F650

Jeff Woodyard

Lynden Clark Florence

Chris Rausch Lolo

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AUGUST CLUB MEETING—WISDOM



We had 18 riders at The Crossings in Wisdom for the August meeting plus four others who drove. The club members, along with the many other riders almost overwhelmed the town's only gas station.



Along with the long term members, new member, Doug McVickar, (BMW R1200GS) recently moved from California to Bozeman. Doug has been an off-and-on rider since his teen years, and now that he is in the mountain west, is looking forward to adding some miles to his recent purchase.



Annie Huddy, shown here with new visitor, Carol Helm, who recently relocated to Corvallis, Montana with her BMW F650GS, shown on the left. She also has a BMW R1200GS in reserve.



The universal consensus was the weather was quite brisk as is evident from Chris Froines and the other riders preparing to depart for the ride home.

