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Montana BMW Riders



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MISSOULA

BIG SKY MOTORSPORTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

5:00 PM

-HOLIDAY EDITION-

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



This time of year it's not so much about the ride as it is the fellowship. Even with the cold temps in the 20's and low 30's we had a good turnout at the Wagon Wheel in Drummond. Turnout at the Christmas party at Big Sky Motorsports on Saturday the 8th was our largest ever, 44 people attended.

Some highlights from the Montana BMW Riders party....At some points during the night you felt like it was the Kevin and Annie Huddy show as you'll see below.

Congratulations to Kevin Huddy, winner of the mileage contest. Congratulations to Annie and Kevin for winning the Park2Park contest in the 'Retirement' category (Yes, they captured them all!). Congratulations Antje Engelhard & John Dibari (tie), winners in the 'Still Working' category.

Congratulations to Annie and Kevin Huddy being named as the new BMW-MOA Ambassadors for the state of Montana. Yep, your first thought might be 'What the heck is an Ambassador for BMW-MOA and what do they do??

My initial humorous answer was going to be...An Ambassador is trustworthy, **loyal**, helpful, friendly, courteous, **kind**, obedient, **cheerful**, thrifty, **brave**, clean and reverent. In essence,

that is what BMW-MOA Ambassadors are. The true definition on MOA's website is..."The BMW Ambassadors are appointed by the BMW-MOA Board of Directors from nominations submitted by chartered clubs and/or MOA members. They are recognized for their outstanding service and commitment to BMW and the BMW-MOA organization, its chartered clubs and its members". Kevin and Annie have been that description, in spades, since moving down from Alaska and joining our club seven years ago. Annie was our Secretary Treasurer and Kevin formulated the idea of *Cafe2Cafe* but then organized and ran the *Cafe2Cafe* event for 2 years. Plus, Kevin and Annie have hosted an annual Tech session at their home, The Huddy Outpost, in Helena. This

year in May will be their fourth year hosting that fun event. I think the real easy way to describe Kevin and Annie is: they are motorcycle enthusiasts. So after about 3 months of waiting, because you know they weren't the only ones in the running, the MOA board of Directors appointed Annie and Kevin. Another reason I hope is that the MOA is a smart organization and I'd like to think they realized, as Dave McCormack said, they were getting a dynamic duo! Please give these guys your congratulations the next time you see them.



Look forward to seeing you at the January meeting. 2019 meeting schedule will be published in the next newsletter, coming up soon. Thanks again to Dave McCormack for all his hard work, time, hours and commitment to making our newsletter such a great publication. Dave's retir-

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ing...again! And December issue will be his last newsletter. Thanks Dave!! Now....welcome Dick French, who has volunteered to be the new newsletter editor. If he does the newsletter job as well as he's done with his job as roving reporter, organizer of rides, photos and member profiles I'm sure the club will be in very capable hands. Thanks Dick for stepping up!!

Before there was Christmas, there was the ride to Drummond in November. We had a good turnout though only 1 braved the 20 degree weather on two wheels. That was crazy man John Torma, from Missoula. And that 100+ miles was done sans electric jacket; just heated grips and heated seat. Now that is Iron Man riding!

Others caging it at Drummond...from Missoula...Larry Banister, Liz Banister, Kathryn Kuebler, Chuck Reaves, Fred & Susan Reed, Karen & Lynn Springer, Dick French & Sandy Knutsen, Chris Froines. From Huson...Brian Campbell. From Helena...Annie and Kevin Huddy & Bob Rennick. From Kallisell...Mark & Stephanie Johnson.

As you look through the newsletter and come upon the new ride schedule you'll see we made a few changes for 2019. Particularly having more meetings on Saturday. Last year, on several weekends, I enjoyed making the ride the whole weekend not just a 'to and from' to the location on the day of the meeting. I'd encourage you to try and do that even if only for 1 weekend next year. You really do double your fun! Additionally we are considering other rides as the summer unfolds. With the MOA Rally so far away, Lebanon, Tennessee, I would selfishly like to adopt a local rally, maybe the Beartooth Rendezvous for us all to attend! This rally not only has a great riding venue but it would be great to support that other Montana Club, the *Beartooth Beemers*. We could make that our own mini-rally this summer.

In closing out the year I'd like to again thank all those who have supported the club. I'd especially like to thank all those on page 8. As the cliché goes, "Many hands, light work". That's what it takes to run a good club like we have. There's a lot of knowledge in all those noggins! And it's not just the heavy lifting; it's all the years of knowledge and know-how that can be shared with others. The more knowledge and experiences shared, the 'funner' and safer for everyone.

Merry Christmas and happy holidays to you all! Looking forward to seeing you soon in 2019.

Happy Trails,

Chuck

Reaves



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2019 Ride Schedule

Month	Date	City	Place	Sat/Sun	Time
Jan	19	Lakeside	Tamarack Brewery	Sat	1:00 PM
Feb	16	Fairmont	Fairmont Hot Springs	Sat	1:00 PM
Mar	16	Seeley Lake	Double Arrow Lodge	Sat	1:00 PM
Apr	28	Lincoln	Lambkins	Sun	1:00 PM
May	18-19	Helena	Huddy Outpost	Sat	1:00 PM
May	19	Philipsburg	Sunshine Station	Sun	1:00 PM
Jun	22	Big Fork	Echo Lake Cafe	Sat	1:00 PM
July	19-20	Monarch Area	TBD	Sat/Sun	TBD
July	21	Monarch	TBD	Sun	1:00 PM
Aug	17	Big Hole	Off Road Ride	Sat	TBD
Aug	18	Wisdom	The Crossings	Sun	1:00 PM
Sep	15	Ennis	Sportsman's Lodge	Sat	1:00 PM
Oct	20	Ovando	Trixi's Antler Saloon	Sun	1:00 PM
Nov	18	Avon	Avon Cafe	Sun	1:00 PM
Dec	7	Missoula	Big Sky Motorsports	Sat	5:30-8:30 PM

OTHER POSSIBLE RIDING EVENTS DURING THE YEAR...

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MARCH ... ROAD TRIP TO NW INLAND EMPIRE MOTORCYCLE SHOW IN SPOKANE

APRIL ... YMCA RIVERBANK RUN—MISSOULA

JUNE ... RIDE TO DINNER BELL IN GOLD CREEK—MID JUNE

JULY ... FOREST SERVICE CABIN AND DUAL SPORT RIDE

AUGUST ... TOUR OF GRANT KOHRS RANCH ... WEEKEND RIDE TO CANADA

SEPTEMBER ... BOAT RIDE ON FLATHEAD LAKE ... RIDE TO CANADA

LONG WINTER NIGHT GET TOGETHERS AT BIG SKY

MOE TO COME AS PLANS SETTLE IN AND MEMBERS LODGE THEIR INTERESTS.

WATCH THIS SPACE & STAY TUNED

PARK TO PARK



And now for the winners of the 2018 Park2Park contest--ta da!! The overall winners (not a big surprise) were **Annie and Kevin Huddy**. The dynamic duo nabbed all of the parks on the list which necessarily included hitting all four corner Parks. They also scored the longest ride (as determined by that great umpire Google) from their home to Brush Lake - 513 miles. In addition to the overall award they tied for 1st place in the retired category. **Richard** (the shutterbug and Roving Reporter) **French** was third in that category as well as being the champion senior (over 70) rider. He would also have won the over 80 contest had we had one! For the workers (keep those retirement checks coming for the rest of us) **Antje Engelhard** (now of Germany - for the year) and **John DiBari** (on his days off from City Hall meetings) tied for first with 41 visits each. Our prez **Chuck Reeves** was third with 32 just edging out Secretary/

Treasurer **Chris Keyes** with 31 in the battle of the officers. Last but not least is **BJ Miles** who hit all four corners and had the second longest ride - 490 miles. Well done to all the riders. Minds are actively engaged right now in designing a more devious contest for next year. Stay tuned!

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SAFETY CORNER



I think the title “safety mom” is often appropriate as just as you got tired of hearing the constant reminders from your mom to “wear your overshoes”, “wear your hat”, “watch for cars when crossing the street” etc., etc., etc., we also probably all get tired of the constant reminders that our chosen sport is hazardous to our health! However, paying attention to your mom (sometimes combined with pure luck, got you to where you are today!) In this same vein, here we go again.... advice from your “safety mom”Some important “facts” concerning our sport (excerpted from the latest MCN, with credit given):

-Motorcycles do not turn quicker or stop in shorter distances than cars;

-It’s more difficult to see and judge the speed of motorcycles;
-The #1 cause of multiple vehicle motorcycle crashes is a left turning vehicle not yielding right of way;
-The #1 cause of a solo motorcycle crash is failure to negotiate a corner;
-25% of riders in fatal crashes were under the influence
How many times do we need to hear these messages before changing our habits? With the coming of winter, it’s a great time to inspect your motorcycle and riding gear as well as look at the various books, on-line training materials, classes offered in riding skills, and be making plans for the coming riding season with the above “facts” in mind. Ride often, ride safe....

Larry Banister
Safety Mom

MILEAGE CONTEST WINNERS

A great time was had by all last night at our annual Christmas Party...if you missed it, you missed out. (Next time you see this year’s mileage contest winner, ask him how successful he was in getting someone to take home his white elephant gift!!) Kevin Huddy is this year’s mileage contest winner and for his dedication to the cause he has his name permanently inscribed on the Montana BMW Riders Mileage Plaque, which is on display at Big Sky BMW... and he took home a \$75 Visa card to help with his expenses. We had 16 “finalists” who participated this year and the other 15 names were placed in a hat and our illustrious Dave McCormack was drawn for a \$50 Visa gift card. (Good incentive for all to participate next year.) I am including the complete mileage contest roster for your viewing enjoyment. Final mileage numbers for each participant are shown in red. Thanks to all who participated...see you next year!

Name	Motorcycle	Total Miles
Huddy, Kevin	FJR/R1200 GSA	17,467
Huddy, Annie	17 1200GS/14 F800GS	15,520
Campbell, Brian	R1200RT	10,710
Senn, Ken	Triumph Explorer & Triumph Trophy/KLR 650	8,840
Meredith, Mike	F800ST	8,635
DiBari, John	CFR1000	6,907
Krausch, Jim	K1600GTL/R1200GS	6,104
Reaves, Chuck	R1100RS/R1200GS/F65GS	6084
French, Dick	F800GS/Kawi Versys 300	5,736
Armstrong, Gary	R1150RT/K75C	4479
Keyes, Chris	R1200GSA	4,368
McCormack, Dave	Spyder ST-LTD	4,242
Moe, Thomas	R1200RT	3,714
Lemke, Kim	R75/7_Enfield 535GT/K100RS	3,136
Banister, Larry	Triumph 800	1,667
Webster, John	K1200LT/KLR650	1,062

Larry Banister
Mileage Contest Coordinator

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DECEMBER MONTHLY BREAKFAST AT THE PRESS BOX—MISSOULA



First Saturday Breakfast—Seventeen like-minded souls (in this case it was food) gathered at the Press Box in Missoula to lament the passing of the 2018 riding season; however the rides seemed to get better as the storied recollection progressed. There were good discussions with good friends.

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EDITOR'S CORNER



This is my last Montana BMW Club newsletter as your editor. It's been a work in progress for me and a monthly joy to see the work of others who've contributed come together in a really vital newsletter for club members. I've been especially thankful for the help Dick French has added in the last couple of years. His enthusiasm and effort to be at every meeting to capture the ambience has been especially appreciated. I've also been happy to see more and more contributions from members at large, sharing their rides and adventures. But most of all, I'm grateful for Chuck's enthusiasm and support of the newsletter. The editing he's done to make me and the newsletter look good has always been spot on. His monthly column is no easy feat for him (he likes to remind me that he still has a job) and I think it allows new and old members to 'catch the wave' first thing in his Column. If you read nothing else, read Chuck's Column. It tells you everything you need to know about what's coming up.

And thanks to the other regulars who struggle to write a column each month: Tom Moe, Larry Banister (a two column giant), Kim Lemke and from time to time, the Huddy's, Chris Keyes and the Graham's.

I'm also happy to report that our advertisers are happily growing in interest in sponsoring the club. Their combined contributions just about cover the costs of our website, the largest single expenditure in the club treasury. Which reminds me, if you come across a retailer or vendor that even remotely supports motorcycling, let us know. Sometimes a simple visit, phone call or email will generate a new advertiser for us. (See the rates on page 2)

Each month I receive an updated paid member list from our treasurer, Chris Keyes. With that list, I'm able to deliver via email, the newsletter to you, our paid up members, before anyone else gets a crack at it. Mike Wright, bless his heart, has tried to post the newsletter within at least 2 days after the newsletter goes to members. Both of these folks are due some thanks for the work that they do to support the club. Terry Kay (has anyone really ever seen him?) is our club Facebook guru, so members can send material directly to him for posting. Some of our newest members came from seeing our Facebook page, so a big thanks to him.

I'm hoping there won't be a blip in putting out a monthly newsletter as between it, Chuck's reminder e-mails, and the website, there are no other reliable sources of information about the club activities. Dick French, the new editor will get my help for awhile...after that, he'll have a chance to make the newsletter his own. He could use a new roving reporter, by the way.

Thanks to you all for the opportunity to have my own sense of fun in putting the newsletter together each month. I've learned a lot about newsletters, more than I really wanted to know, but at the same time was fascinated with Microsoft's Publisher software. Early on I had to take a on-line course in it just to make things easier (it was money well spent).

I will from time to time, offer Dick an article on Three Wheeling as I believe many current members might reach the stage of having to choose between riding or not riding and the 3 wheel options out there may ease that decision. As a matter of fact, several members have approached me about how I like the Spyder and whether it's an alternative to not riding...my answer is always, "It's different in many ways but I'm still riding".

As mentioned in an earlier monthly column, 2019 is very busy for Sue and me. Not only do we have travel plans most every other month, we are also facing moving and building a new home... all right in the middle of riding season. As some say, "**Ride Safely and Safe**", and if you enjoy this club, find a way to volunteer. I'm told elections are coming up next year... could be you'll find something to do that you've never done before...just like me... and that's what makes this club fun...folks pitching in where they never thought they would in their regular work life... the effort might even look good on your resume.

Dave

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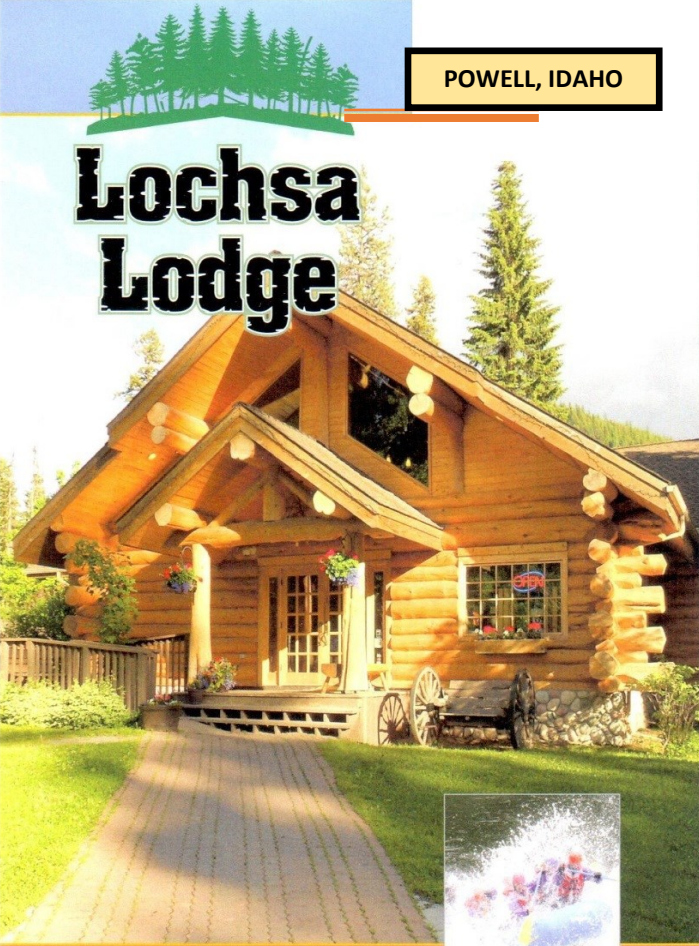
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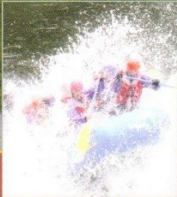
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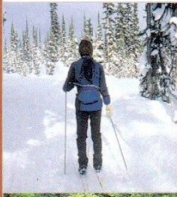
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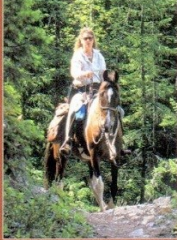


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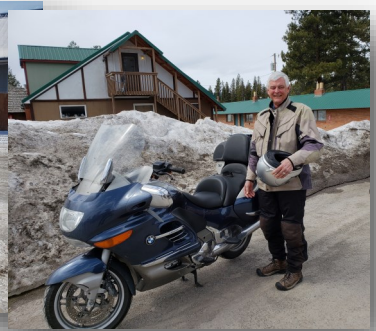
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A COLLECTION OF PHOTOS FROM THE NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING AT THE WAGON WHEEL IN DRUMMOND.



There are those of us (see photos below) who meet in the Wagon Wheel and talk about riding motorcycles, and then there are those who ride motorcycles. These are recent photos of John Torma, Missoula, at three separate club meetings (the center was this month's meeting). Yes, that is snow on the ground, and an ambient temperature only slightly above freezing. No mishaps in the parking lot, roads were mostly dry and John reported the ride home in the late fall sunshine was the highlight of the ride.



Kim Lemke, Club Historian, provided the photo to the left of Carmine Mobray's RS at the Club meeting in Avon, Montana in November, 2000. As noted elsewhere in the Newsletter, Todd and Carmine were the editors of the Newsletter in 1996. The red bike really stands out against the snow background. No information on the owner/rider of the other bike in the background. But in any event, avid riders for sure.

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Historian's Corner

By Kim Lemke



I don't know where Kim digs up these pictures , but with the club older than 25 years ,there must be a treasure trove of photos hidden away somewhere. Best he can remember is...(l to r) Iverson's with Larry and Liz, Entzel next to Black Face mask?, John page and Kim Lemke. Larry's BMW and Kim's EX500.

SOME HUMOR, JUST TO FILL THIS SPACE...EDITOR'S CHOICE

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency. I think you should write, "An ambulance."

When people see a cat's litter box they always say, "Oh, have you got a cat?" Just once I want to say, "No, it's for company!"



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Rider Profile



Two of the Club's long-term members are probably most recognized by the motorcycles they ride—essentially matching red Honda Gold Wings—and their annual 'high miler' achievements, Don Deuel (Arlee) and Greg Hintz (Missoula). I had a chance to sit down with them recently as they shared their story of riding. Like many of us, they had a long-term passion for motorcycles and riding but were not able to pursue it until later in life. Both started their serious 'distance' riding in the early 1990's after having worked their way through a series of motorcycles ranging from the small Japanese bikes of the time to sport bikes and 'big iron' American motorcycles. Both gravitated toward touring bikes, spe-

cifically Hondas. Starting with a 1990 Gold Wing, Don's garage has had four Gold Wings plus his current 2014. Greg has worked his way through six Honda motorcycles and now has a 2017 Honda Gold Wing. (The demise of his 2012 Gold Wing

will be the subject of a future Newsletter article.) Don has documented 400,000 miles since 2004 and



estimate he has covered over 750,000 miles since 1990. Greg is not far behind with an estimated 500,000 miles. They average 35,000 to 45,000 per year. They have been known to trailer their bikes to Arizona about the 1st of March to get an early jump on the riding season.

Early in their long-distance riding adventures they joined the Iron Butt Association. The Association's website's touting of a 11-day, 11,000+ mile Rally, 1,000 miles in 24 hours, 1,500 miles in 36 hours, or 1,500 miles in 24 hours seemed to spike their interest. Their riding together began when both were competing in the Rose City 500 Rally in Portland, Oregon by having to share a motel room along the way. Since that time, they have ridden in the that Rally each year for 20 years.

In 2011 Greg worked the Three Flags Rally Check-point at the Wye (Highway 93 and I-10) as part of Larry Bannister's team. Greg's goal was two-fold – one, help complete the check-in certification for the riders, and two, talk to the riders about their bikes. How were they set-up and any advice they would share for these types of rides. He was hooked and blames it on Larry Bannister.



As an indication of both their passion for riding, and the attention to detail, Greg has chronicled their distance riding in three (at this time) loose leaf binders containing official name of the ride, the mapped routes, distances, times and certification of completion. Thumbing through the notebooks, you will find:

- Three Saddle-sore rides of 1,000, 2,000 and 3,000 miles in less than 24, 48 and 72 hours respectively.
- Two Bun Burners, both of 1,500 miles, but one in less than 36 hours and one in less than 24 hours.
- The Coast-to-Coast, Jacksonville Beach Florida to San Diego Beach, California in under 50 hours.

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The Ultimate Coast-to Coast - Prudhoe Bay, Alaska to Key West, Florida in less than 21 days (See associated photos).



Incorporated in the Ultimate Coast-to-Coast, was Pikes Peak to Death Valley and back to Independence Pass, Colorado – the highest (14,140 feet) paved road in the USA.

Forty-eight State Challenge in eight days-12 hours-27 minutes (Both have made at least three rides in all 49 states and have set wheels in all but the Canadian Provinces).



Five-Three Flags Rallies, which includes several that actually started in Mexico.

And just to keep their long-distance riding skills honed, they have documented at least ten Saddle Sore Challenges as well as four Bun Burner rides. As their riding skills developed, their endurance improved and most importantly, their planning was refined, they were able to complete 'rallies within rallies'. And somewhere along the way, they have visited 21 Franciscan Missions along California's El Camino Real. Both are very involved with the local Gold Wing Road Riders Association chapter and have attended their annual



convention nine times. In addition to the five-Three Flags Classics since 2012 both have finished approximately 22 certified rides through the Iron Butt Association.



In 2015 they received the Southern California Motorcycle Association's Triple Crown Award for completing the USA Four-Corners Ride, the Three Flags Classic and the Best 15 U.S. Roads Challenge.

Dick French, Roving Reporter