

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

BMW Motorcycle Club
Montana BMW Riders



CLUB CHARTER

MEMBERSHIPS :

BMWMOA #155

AMA #6830

NEXT MEETING

Ennis, Montana

**Sportsman's
Lodge**

September 14, 2019

1:00 PM

-HOME OF THE NEXT BEST RIDE-

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



What a great newsletter this month! Thanks to Dick for his continued great job as newsletter editor and inclusion of so many pictures. These pictures help validate my perception of the BMW brand as having so many spokes in the BMW wheel. Those that like to go fast, those with interest in Airheads, some loving off-road, some on-road, some camping, some motelling it, rides for fun, rides for adventure, rides for Iron Butt miles and the really serious adventure riders and now we have at least 4 members with sidecars! Then there are the gear-head/techheads. Some are moving from wrenching to carrying drones. Great photos from Chris Froines! That Swiss rider at Wisdom are good examples of our members that have the adventure travel bug. Ask Jim Iverson, Jim Krausch, Lance Lerum or Mike Kreikermeier.

Hopefully we'll get some great winter travelogues out of them.

Yes, there are so many different reasons for riding. Whatever the reason, it's all great fun. But as I alluded to in my notes on the Beartooth Rendezvous...there seems to be a lot of us white & gray heads out there. I would like to see our club do some things to attract younger riders. Don't know what that'd look like but if we all make a concerted effort to help along someone younger or just getting into the addiction of motorcycling, everyone benefits. As we all know, it is such a great sport. It needs to be shared. It doesn't take much. Thinking back on my first year, even after taking Motorcycle Safety beginner course, I still had anxiety about getting out on the highway. Though I'd had a full weekend of training and all of 50 miles on the odometer under my belt, I still had concerns. After the class another rider and coach, Jim Iverson, agreed to go with me for a ride out of town. It took all of an hour but that helped me make the transition and gave me the confidence needed to go farther. Now I have gone farther and spent way-far a lot of money :0) Anyway, something to put on your 'To-Do' list.

As you see from the pictures the Beartooth Rendezvous was lots of fun and a big success. Thanks to the Beartooth Beemers for putting on a great rally. I was told this was the largest turnout of riders at the Rendezvous in 10 years. Between the great roads and the rally itself, it's one to put on your bucket list for the future. Thanks again to Mike Hofferber and Tom Moe for organizing the Saturday ride over some spectacular country!

Though I couldn't be at the August meeting it sounds like a great turnout and The Crossing at Fetty's was accommodating as usual. Thanks to Dick French for standing in for me and to Chris Froines for spooling up the off-road ride from Missoula to Wisdom.

Things coming up in September....multiple first Saturday Breakfasts. See details in the newsletter. For us in Missoula we'll be at The Trough on Saturday September 7th. This is just north of Target Range School on Clements Rd. I apologize for the early hour but the manager said that's the only way he could get us in as a group. I promise it'll be worth the get-up. (No! No Mimosa's). Our ride this month is Saturday September 14th to Ennis and The Sportsman's Lodge. Time is 1:00 PM. Bring a young friend. ;0) Also Mike Hofferber is leading a Billing Centric ride on September 21st. See details on page 19 of this newsletter. Thanks Mike for putting these rides together.

Hope you are all having a great summer of riding. Hope to see you at one of the upcoming meetings.

Till then, Happy Trails!!

Chuck

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BMWMOA CORNER

Tom Moe 33028 – BMW MOA Regional Coordinator



Our first Bozeman breakfast was attended by only me and one other fellow, so a bit disappointing. I am thinking perhaps we should move it to the second Saturday which would allow me and some others to go to either Missoula or Helena.

So let's try our first **Second Saturday Breakfast (14 September, 2019)** in the Bozeman area at the Kountry Korner Cafe, Four Corners at 9:00 just to gauge interest? I will be there. Perhaps as somewhat of a committee we can consider a ride later in the month.

The Beartooth Rendezvous and Beartooth Club ride was a great success with approximately 20 MTBMWriders attending the Rendezvous and about 14 or so taking the ride. Special thanks to Mike Hofferber for leading a great ride. The weather was regarded as iffy so we headed toward Cody from Red Lodge taking the Chief Joseph highway to where it joins Beartooth Pass and then into Cooke City. There an executive decision was made to return to Red Lodge for lunch as the weather could turn difficult. It was pretty decent up on the pass, cool and a bit windy but decent. As we descended into Red Lodge we were on top of the cloud and it was foggy and drizzly in Red Lodge. Many of us had a great lunch at Red Lodge Ales and sampled some great beer. I had a Glacier which is an amber ale and later at dinner a Helio which is a hefeweizen. Both great beers and the food was great as well.

I had a special treat as life long friend Monte Boettger from Lewistown contacted me and joined the ride. Monte is a new rider riding a F700GS capably and enthusiastically. Hopefully he will become a member. I bet he will.



I did not spend a whole lot of time at the rally but what I saw looked great. Thanks of course to Gary Smith and Charlie Grearer for their effort to do this rally every year. I suggest that our club do what we can to sustain this rally for many years to come.

Ride safe, keep the rubber side down.

Tom Moe

FALL RAFFLE HAS MOA MEMBERS SEEING DOUBLE

Thursday, August 22, 2019

Posted by: Ted Moyer, 100360

The BMW MOA Foundation kicked off a fall **FUNDRAISER** by unveiling a pair of customized, military-themed BMW R nineT Urban GSs. The similar but distinct motorcycles were designed and built by Twisted Throttle for BMW MOA members and the fall custom bike raffle to benefit the **BMW MOA FOUNDATION**.



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BMWMOA CORNER - (continued)

Each valued at more than \$20,000 and revealed to the public at the MOA Rally in Lebanon, Tennessee, the custom nineTs feature products and customization donated by Twisted Throttle. The bikes have been painted in olive drab and desert tan and feature DENALI lighting, SW-MOTECH and Milspec side cases, Mitas dual-sport tires and much more to make each truly unique.

Two winners will be announced on November 11 after ticket sales are complete. Winners will be drawn at random from all tickets purchased. The first name drawn will win one motorcycle and the second name drawn will be awarded the remaining motorcycle.



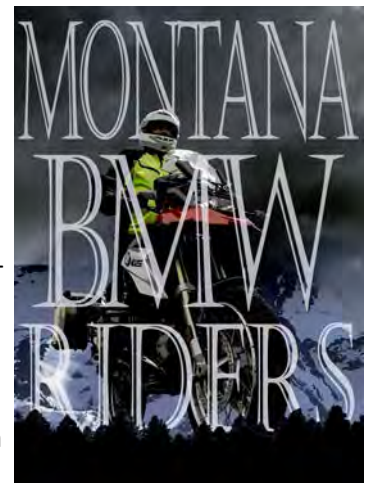
Editor's Corner



August was a busy MONTANA BMW RIDERS month. A good turnout at the First Breakfast events, Huckleberry Pass ride, good club representation at the Beartooth Rendezvous and the included ride on the Beartooth Scenic Byway and Chief Joseph Highway. We have gained several new members, one of whom contributed an article for this issue. This issue also includes Letters to the Editor offering thoughts and experiences as riders. Our late month club meeting in Wisdom was well attended.

The most important aspects of this past month has been the contributions to the Newsletter by club members.

Some fantastic photographs and interesting articles. I hope you enjoy this issue.



Dick French

First Saturday Breakfast Schedule

• Missoula

- Saturday 7 September
- The "Trough"; 2106 Clements Road
- Missoula, Montana
- 8:30 AM

• Helena

- Saturday 7 September
- 4 B's Restaurant, Jorgenson's Inn and Suite

- 1714 11th Avenue
- Helena, Montana
- 9:00 AM

• Bozeman

- Saturday 14 September
- Kountry Korner Cafe,
- Four Corners
- 81820 Gallatin Road
- Bozeman, Montana
- 9:00 AM

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Ambassador's Corner - Annie and Kevin Huddy



In late June Annie and I traveled to Coeur d'Alene, ID to attend the United Sidecar Association's National Rally. The rally is a great place to see a variety of sidecar outfits. From Harleys and Indians to scooters and Beemers, there was something for everyone. We camped at the rally site in the Coeur d'Alene fairgrounds and were fortunate to camp with our friends from Alberta. Alastair, Dave and Ron of Tech Day fame along with Ken Conrad and his fiancé Brenda. Camping with friends made the event even more fun. Dave rode his BMW R100RT rig down to our place and then rode over with Annie on her BMW R1200GS and me on my Ural. This was my first foray with the Ural. I have to say that 300 miles on the Ural was like wrestling a 500 pound calf for seven hours, but it was a good time and the Ural performed well (except for running out of fuel eight miles short of Bonner... I'm writing a letter of complaint to my dealer about this flaw).



The Ural and Annie at a fuel stop. Even with a sidecar there is never enough carrying capacity.



There was a good sample of Airhead rigs. This was a particularly clean looking example with a Velorex sidecar.



This sidecar is a fully functional and licensed boat



This is what a \$50,000.00 hack looks like. The current owner bought it used with 12,000 miles on the ODO and for around \$20,000.00. You do not make money building a rig.

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Ambassador's Corner - Annie and Kevin Huddy (continued)



Helge Pedersen and a fellow Globe Riders member were in attendance. If you are unfamiliar with Helge, then you should learn about his motorcycling adventures. Odds are you will enjoy reading about his exploits. These are their rigs; Helge is not in the picture.



Helge was checking out Alastair's RT



Dave's R100RT rig. Dave patiently followed me all the way to Coeur d'Alene and provided me pointers on riding with a sidecar and setting up the suspension. He said it was the best fuel mileage he ever got. I'm not sure why that happened.



There were several Harley Davidson rigs. This one was getting a bit of maintenance. What could go wrong???



People seem to like personalizing their rigs. This is a Concours with a Cozy sidecar. The turtle shell was a special touch from a husband to his wife who loves turtles.

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Ambassador's Corner - Annie and Kevin Huddy (continued)



Harleys were not the only American Iron at the rally. This Indian was something to behold. Several innocent animals gave their all to make the seat, the seat cover and saddle bags. It won "Best in Show" at the rally show and shine. My Ural did not quite make the final cut.



These Gold Wings with double wide sidecars were massive. They belong to a couple who are about to embark on a ride to all seven continents; yes, Antarctica too. Not sure how they plan to pull that off.



Sidecars are a way of extending a person's riding beyond disabilities and age. There was a couple in their 90's who ride scooters with small sidecars attached, and this fellow is not giving up riding for just about anything.



Alastair's R110RT rig. A bit faster than the Ural



This three wheeler was spotted in Sturgis at this year's rally. Annie and I went over to see the flat track race in Rapid City. A Harley Spyder conversion... they are for sale.

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Ambassador's Corner - Annie and Kevin Huddy (continued)



And, since we mentioned the rally, here is a picture of Main Street Sturgis at 10 AM. We were not foolhardy enough to venture down there at night. I knew the rally was not our cup of tea when we were trying to pass through Alzada, MT on our way to Spearfish. It was 97 degrees; the town of Alzada (population 29 with one bar) was holding "Topless Tuesday". We were stopped by a Trooper so that a hundred or so rally attendees could turn across the highway and try to squeeze into a field that already had a few thousand bikes parked in it. I consoled myself that everyone in the bar was probably drinking iced tea since they had a long ride back to Sturgis.



The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally brought in about \$1.3 million in tax revenue for South Dakota, according to the state Department of Revenue.

This year, the state sales tax accounted for \$733,300 of the tax revenue, while \$242,600 came from the state tourism tax and \$293,600 was collected in municipal taxes, according to the department.

[Lisa Kaczke](#), Sioux Falls Argus Leader

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Beartooth Rendezvous - Red Lodge



BEARTOOTH BEEMERS

BMW MOA Chartered Club #303

"The Best Little Rally in the West"

THE 21ST ANNUAL BEARTOOTH RENDZVOUS WILL BE AUGUST 15 - 18, 2019.

Red Lodge, Montana - home to about 2,200 full time residents - was the site for over 183 riders and participants in the annual Beartooth Rendezvous at the Lions Campground just south of town. This was in addition to what seemed like a steady stream of riders in town or at least passing through. Red Lodge must hold the title for the most motorcycle oriented town in Montana, with motels offering wash and dry areas for their riding clientele. The photos below and on the following pages will try to capture and atmosphere of a camp filled with motorcycles, old friends and new friends sharing their passions for riding. The Lions Campground is located along the banks of Rock Creek with a spectacular backdrop of jagged mountains of the Absorka-Beartooth Wilderness Area.



A photo taken by **Chris Froines**, the evening of August 16 from his quad-copter, hovering over the dining hall. The registration building is in the far background and a conference hall in the center—background.

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Beartooth Rendezvous - Red Lodge (continued)



Two more photos from **Chris Froines'** quad-copter on the 16th of August. The Beartooth Rendezvous camp is in the center foreground. A spectacular setting for the event.



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Beartooth Rendezvous - Red Lodge (continued)

Below are photos of members and friends of the MONTANA BMW RIDERS club in the camp setting, and some of the bikes they rode. You will recognize Ed Field's excellent photography in several of the photos.



Ed Field and his K 1200RS



Lynden Clark and a fully loaded R1200GS.
Photo by Ed Field



Annie Huddy in front of her motorcycle equivalent mobile home. No mention of a shower!



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Beartooth Rendezvous - Red Lodge (continued)



The tables nearest the dining hall seemed to be busier as dinner time approached



BMW's were in the majority of bikes, a few, such as this CanAm took its place in the line up.



An F650 DAKAR with Chris Froines and his Africa Twin behind. The Honda Africa Twins were well represented, most with the Dual Clutch Transmission.



BMW's of every vintage seemed to be represented. This was not the only R50/6 in the park.



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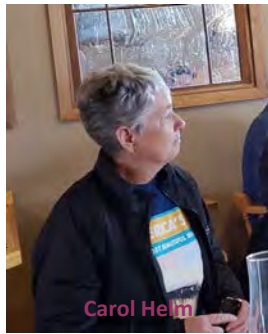
Beartooth Rendezvous - Red Lodge (continued)

Of the 183 registered for the Rendezvous, the MONTANA BMW RIDERS and friends accounted for 17 in addition to those who participated in the Chief Joseph - Beartooth Pass ride reported separately.

- Annie Huddy shown on page 10 in front of her "tent".
- Ed Fields shown on page 10.
- Lynden Clark shown on page 10.



BMW R75/5



Carol Helm



Chris Froines



Rick Kuschel



Dave Grode



There were several examples of K75s at the camp



Kevin Huddy



Dick French



Chuck Reaves



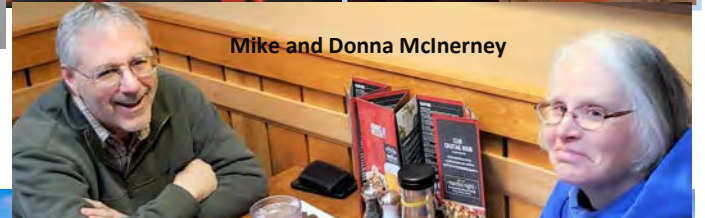
Joseph and Monika Puglielli



Tom Moe



Sandy Kuntzen



Mike and Donna McInerney



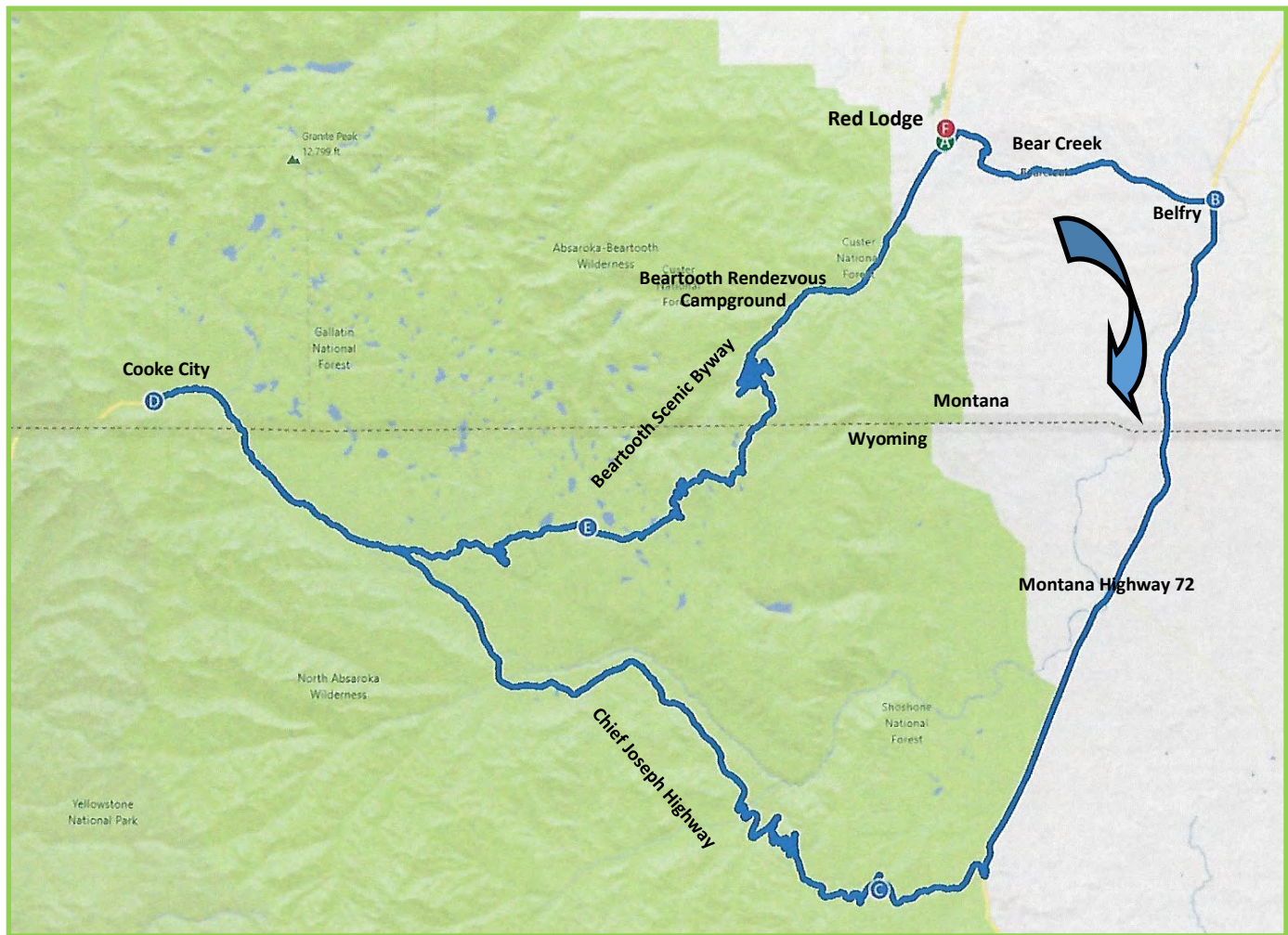
Terry Logan



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Chief Joseph - Beartooth Highway Ride

In conjunction with the Beartooth Rendezvous **Tom Moe BMW MOA Regional Coordinator** and **Mike Hofferber** coordinated a ride on August 17th that included the famous Beartooth Scenic Byway (Beartooth Pass or Cooke City Highway to most of us). The original plan was to start from Red Lodge, Montana and include a stop in Cody, Wyoming. As we gathered to start the ride, the weather didn't look that promising so ride coordinator, Mike Hofferber opted for an way-stop at Cooke City. The advanced party (the Huddys) were to meet the rest of riders in Cooke City with the objective to make a go-no-go decision on riding over Beartooth Pass.



Wyoming Highway 296 also known as the Chief Joseph Scenic Byway is in the U.S. state of Wyoming and follows the route taken by Chief Joseph as he led the Nez Perce Indians out of Yellowstone National Park and into Montana in 1877 during their attempt to flee the U.S. Cavalry and escape into Canada.

The Beartooth Highway is an All-American Road on about 63 miles of U.S. Route 212 in Montana and Wyoming between Red Lodge and Cooke City, Montana, passing over the Beartooth Pass in Wyoming at 10,947 feet above sea level.

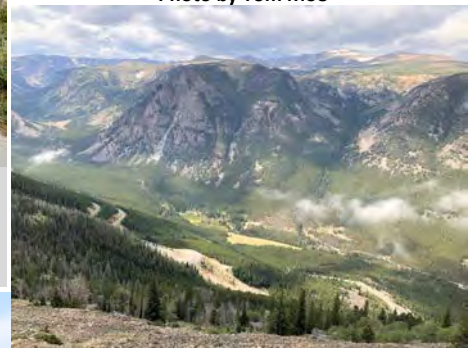
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Chief Joseph - Beartooth Highway Ride (continued)



These photos were taken at a vantage point on the Chief Joseph Highway named Dead Indian Pass. It is attributed to an incident in 1877 involving the Nez Perce tribe and the U. S. Army. Chief Joseph led his people that year from their home in Idaho, across Yellowstone and the Absaroka Range, then through Clarks Fork Canyon.

Photo by Tom Moe

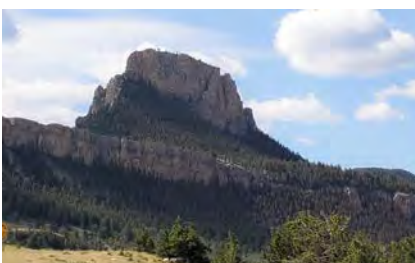


We left Red Lodge under the cover of a fog blanket and arrived at Dead Indian Hill in the sunshine. From the left, Chuck Reaves, Rick Kuschel, Tom Moe, Monty Boettger, Mike Hofferber, Pat Endres, Dick Smith, Dale Butterfield, Chris Froines, Dick French and Lynden Clark



Photo by Lynden Clark

Sunlight Bridge over Sunlight Creek on Chief Joseph Scenic Highway



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Chief Joseph - Beartooth Highway Ride (continued)

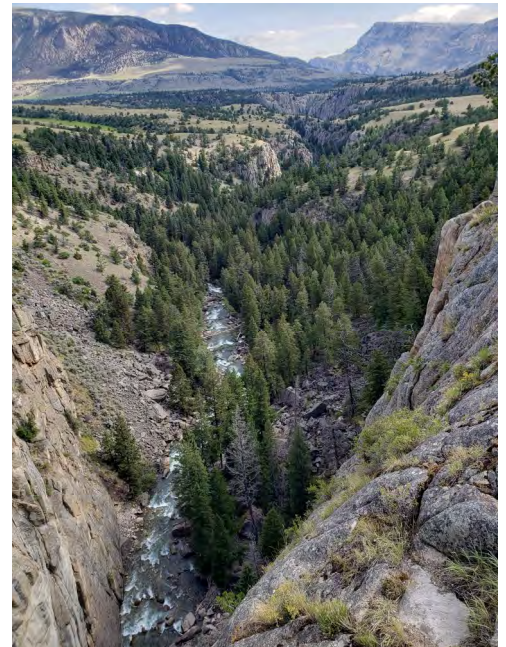


Photo by Chris Froines

Sunlight Bridge over Sunlight Creek on Chief Joseph Scenic Highway is the highest bridge in Wyoming. The bridge is a simple one span concrete beam bridge.



A beautiful background as we rest at the Sunlight Bridge parking and viewing area.



Tom Moe and Monty Boettger

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Chief Joseph - Beartooth Highway Ride (continued)



The scouting party (Huddy's) joined the group at Cooke City and lead the ride over the Beartooth Scenic Byway to Red Lodge. This stop is at a major vista point on the north side of the Beartooth Pass. Annie appears to be searching for the beef jerky.



Cross winds were a factor



Your editor found that following Kevin Huddy made the horizon tilt at strange angles



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Place2Place - Gary Graham



We now have two riders who have not only filled all the categories but have also visited all four corners of the state: **Mike Meredith and Ken Senn.** Congratulations to the two of them.

Don't forget to send in the destinations you have reached. As you know, Fall is the best time to ride and you too can check off all of the destinations. If you can't manage that maybe you can at least make it to the destination furthest from your home according to the Google mileage computer.

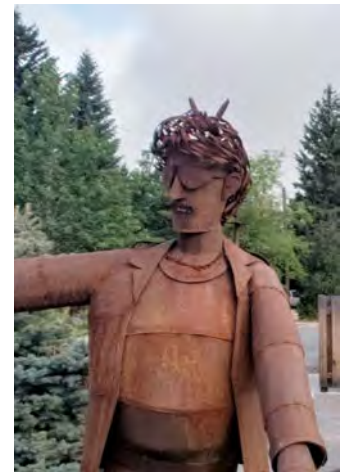


Mike Meredith



Kenn Senn

Other news is that the t-shirts are now in my possession and will be distributed during the next few meetings. If you want me to send them I can sure do that if you let me know your mailing address and if you include a couple bucks for mailing, The cost of the shirts is \$14 for short sleeved, \$17 for long and \$20 for the XXXL.



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Huckleberry Pass Ride

Your editor, who maintains he will ride any road a Winnebago can traverse was invited to follow five the club's ardent off-road riders on a loop to Coopers Lake on the way to Lincoln, Montana over Huckleberry pass. Since this was a casual adventure, we left after the 1st Breakfast meeting at Paradise Falls, Missoula. Chris, Robert and Lynden included a loop through the Blackfoot Clearwater Game Range on the return trip. Refer to Bob Carpenter's track.



I fell in behind Chris Froines (a fully loaded Honda Africa Twin), Chuck Reaves, R1200GS, his son Mike on the family's F650GS, Robert Carpenter's F650GS and Lynden Clark's R1200GS. Winnebago Class A road.



Mid-way point at Coopers Lake. Ambient temperature raising so shedding some clothes.



Photos by Robert Carpenter

Robert Carpenter



Photos by Robert Carpenter

Lynden Clark

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Historian's Corner—Kim Lemke



This was Wisdom, 2011. Who do you can you recognize? Bob Gibson, 2nd from left. Jim Krausch 5th on right. Gordon Phillips, standing—yellow shirt. Dick Field, sitting 6th on right. Chuck Reaves, red shirt. Adam Jurgens, blue sweatshirt.



Willow Creek MT
Aug 1998

Willow Creek was a popular meeting place in the '90s'.



The Crossings at Fettys, Wisdom, Montana 2011. A few familiar riders.

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Classified Corner

2005 Covered Motorcycle Trailer

- 12' x 6' Exterior dimensions
- 10.2' x 5.2' Interior dimensions
- 2-axle trailer with electric brakes
- Electric Leveling tongue
- Interior forward has bike tire nodes
- Plenty of tie downs throughout
- Exit door on the right with locking closure
- Self-closing rear ramp with easy drive up
- Double locking rear ramp door
- Ideal trailer for a couple of small displacement off road bikes or one 'gigantic-us' cruiser.
- Will provide additional pictures if requested.
- Asking price is \$2750



Call Dave McCormack at 370-6628 for more information

MOTORCYCLE FOR SALE

2011 BMW R1200 RT Grey Tricolor, Premium package, 36,000 miles, one owner, includes, Cee Bailey windshield, Cee Bailey side bag liners, Garmin 550 LT on an Adaptiv mount, Hyper Lites, Micro tire pump kit, Hornet electric deer horn, Rick Meyer custom seat, BMW 47 Lt tail trunk, BMW tank bag, Security wheel lock, storage and travel covers, new battery, new alternator belt, brake fluid change at 35,000 miles. Always dealer serviced, service current, next service due at 40,000 mi, all records. I also have a Schuberth C3 helmet silver and an Aria RX-Q in white, both size Medium. I can provide more photos on request.

Ask \$8,500

Gordon Phillips

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First Breakfast—August - Helena Region

Eleven people attended the Helena area first Saturday breakfast at the Hardware Cafe in Montana City on 3 August.

1. Mark Ellzey, Helena
2. Jason Andreas, East Glacier
3. Mike Meredith, Helena
4. Dan Mainwaring, Townsend
5. Lance Lerum, Townsend
6. Bob Rennick, Helena
7. Ed Field, Helena
8. Kathy Field, Helena
9. Paul Smietanka, Clancy
10. Annie Huddy, Helena
11. Kevin Huddy, Helena



Bob Rennick



Annie and Kevin Huddy



Ed. Field



Mike Meredith



Kathy Field



Lance Lerum



Dan Mainwaring

Unfortunately, I did not have any file photos for Mark Ellzey, Jason Andreas or Paul Smietanka. — Editor

First Breakfast—August - Missoula Region

Sixteen members and guests made it to Paradise Falls in Missoula for the 1st Breakfast, most were riders. Breakfast was followed by a group ride to Coopers Lake and Huckleberry pass to Lincoln, which is covered elsewhere in the Newsletter.



Starting on the near left, Dave McCormack, Ken Senn, Chris Froines. Starting on the near right, Don Deuel, Greg Hintz, Lynn and Karen Springer and, facing the camera Mrs. Clark.



Chuck and Mike Reaves, Kim Lemke and Bob Carpenter.



That is the track of his recent Balkans tour on of Jim Krausch's Tee-shirt



Lynden Clark's R1200GS looks ready for the Huckleberry Pass ride that followed breakfast.



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Letters to the Editor

Hi-Line Adventure—One Man's Three Wheel Perspective

By D.H. McCormack

Back in the dark days of winter 2018, there was talk about taking a long week and riding sometime in 2019. As the winter wore on, a buddy and I began to talk about bucket list interests and settled on my bucket list, which was to do Highway 2 (the Hi-Line) from border to border...west to east. We began to map out the route and to include some of his interests.

By March we had our plan...From the Bitterroot Valley, we would ride up to Thompson Falls, then on to Bonner's Ferry and then start to ride Highway 2 east all the way to Williston, North Dakota. After that, we'd go south to Devil's Tower and then on to Gillette, Wyoming. From there we'd go straight north through Broadus to Miles City to catch Highway 12. Two years ago, I did the Café 2 Café run through there and picked off several Café 2 Café spots. But I was there on the wrong day and missed eating at Jersey Lilly's in Ingomar. This trip was designed to swing by there and enjoy its famous steak and beans dish. We then would over-night in Roundup and proceed on Highway 12 west to White Sulfur Springs, then turn south and head for Alder, Montana. That was a design based on the history of going from either Virginia City to Sheridan or the reverse and seeing Chick's Motel and Steakhouse every time we passed. We were intrigued and decided to try he place out. We called and booked two rooms. Great little place to spend an evening with local folks and a steak.

Shortly after generally settling on the plan, the Place to Place contest was announced and it became clear our route would take us by many of the Place 2 Place 'required's' and many of the 'optionals'. The route was then changed somewhat to accommodate the Place 2 Place points. And we added a personal challenge at the end by going south from Alder to Rexburg, Idaho and up through Arco to Challis and over to Stanley, Idaho. The last leg of the 7 day trip was to be all the way home from Stanley via Hiway 95 and Highway 12 (424 Miles).

We left on the 5th of July, recognizing that we were starting on a holiday weekend, so we made motel reservations all along the route. Our first night was in Kalispell having shucked Bonner's Ferry in favor of hitting Eureka. We did start the Highway 2 trip at Troy, Montana however.

Day 2, July 6th, we really started the Hi-Line tour via Glacier's lower boundary and then hoofed it for Glasgow, Montana and the Cottonwood Inn (highly recommended). We had two others with us and made good time along the Hi-Line although we took no time to investigate each little berg along the way (My wife and I will do that by car some day). The next day, (Day 3) we changed the plans somewhat and rode to the Fort Peck Dam and then up past the commissioned air base at St. Marie's, then turning east at Opheim heading Plentywood. We had decided we had had enough of the Hi-Line to make detour. From Plentywood we headed south on Highway 16 back to High- and then east towards Williston. By then, we had piled up about 1000 Williston, North Dakota is not worth doing unless you are desperate. It is big crater with nothing but single-wide's for miles and gas flames shooting from one horizon to the other. Avoid the Quality Inn in Williston. I have formed local law enforcement of possible fraud there.



Nothing but silos for 400 miles along the High-Line.

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Devil's
Tower

Day 4 we headed for Gillette, Wyoming via a circuitous route through Custer National Forest. There were a few Place 2 Place spots on that route, but I wouldn't recommend the road (Highway 323) for a 3 wheeler. Road was awful and I think my Chiropractor finally got my spine realigned after hitting some humongous potholes and road heaves (the two wheelers were able to swerve versus us three wheelers with nowhere to go but into the oncoming traffic lane).

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Letters to the Editor (continued)

Later, stopping at The Dev-home and opted not to go ming that evening, we re-der River and Custer Na-

Day 5, We marched up makes a humongous break-

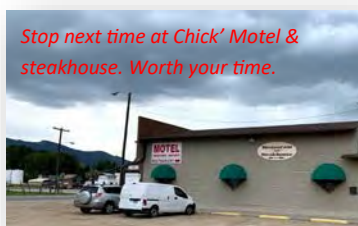
for aP2P tag, then made a U-turn to proceed back to catch Highway 12 to Roundup. Found a steakhouse there worth recommending (the Grand Bar on main). We had moved the start date of the plan back one day to accommodate various issues. As a result, Jersey Lilly's was closed and I missed it again for the second time. My bad. It's always closed Monday and Tuesday, regardless of what the web sites say. That bucket list item is still open.

From the turn off from Highway 90 to Highway 12, we were following what was left of the Milwaukee Road electric roadbed, including forgotten trestles and bridges. As a railfan this became a wonderful opportunity for me to trace the railroad that went belly up right after completing trackage all the way to Seattle from Milwaukee. Day 6, we stopped at



il's Tower, we realized we'd left our Golden Age Passports at in the park, not at \$20 per person. Finally, reaching Gillette, Wyo-laxed and prepared for the day ahead planned through the Pow-tional Forest areas to Terry, Montana.

highway 59 through Broadus (a great little café at the junction fast) where we aiming at Miles City . There we rode out to Terry



Harlowton, which had operated a major roundhouse through the 50's and spotted a well preserved electric motor. At White Sulfur Springs we turned south on highway 89 and thanks to Kevin Hud-dy's advice, we swung southwest on Highway 86 (now paved all the way to Bozeman) through the Bridger Mountains and on to Bel-grade. There we headed for more Place 2 Place spots all the way to Ennis and finally, Alder and Chick's Motel and Steakhouse.

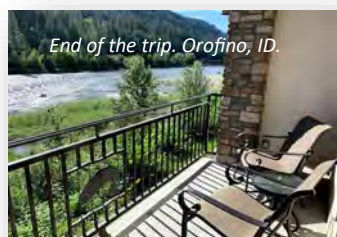


A note about Alder...it's between Nevada City and Sheridan on Highway 287. We picked it for an overnight because we've all passed it doing 65 mph and wondered if it was one of those gems that gets noted on the Backroads of Montana program. It is just that...a gem. It has 4 motel rooms, a full bar with shuffleboard and pool tables and a steak house (it's really just a café) all within 50 feet of the motel rooms. Folks there are worth spending a drink with. Rooms were as good as some 3 star hotels and went for ~\$79 a night.

Next day (Day 7 – 2080 miles) Breakfast in Ennis at Yesterday's Soda Fountain & Ennis Pharmacy with smiling waitstaff and way too much food. It was very special. We knew the next leg was going to be hot and tough. We headed south from Ennis to Rexburg, Idaho... so that we could ride through Arco and slide up to Challis finishing the day at Stanley for the night. It was in the 100's and windy. That's when I decided that I would figure out a way to carry extra gas when I got home. My Spyder normally gets 31 mpg on flat ground, cool temps with no wind on a 6 gallon tank. That day it was hot and windy, and the gas gauge was falling rapidly. Found gas at Arco. We were only delayed long enough to gas up, re-wet neck scarves/vests and get going again. We made Stanley mid afternoon and connected with the couple who had come down from the Bitterroot. They had planned to ride with us the next day. A newly acquired Spyder RT was

their rig for the trip.

Day 8 (2500 miles so far) we headed for and busy on Highway 55 and we way travelers. McCall was the obvious of McCall that overwhelmed us with PLEASE!). Following that gargantuan Grangeville where the couple who joined us had decided to overnight. I had decided earlier, based on my dentist's recommenda-tion, to reward myself with a night at the Orofino Best Western Plus. It was a great decision as I was nearing



McCall and eventually Orofino, ID. Again, it was hot, windy suffered in traffic due to construction and weekend geta-lunch stop. We found an all organic café on the outskirts their organic offerings (gimme a burger without Cilantro... meal, we moved onto Highway 95 heading north to

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Letters to the Editor (continued)

exhaustion and didn't want to do Highway 12 home in the hot afternoon. I have not made any positive recommendations about hotels on this trip, but the Best Western Plus in Orofino is worth doing if you're willing to spend the money. A room overlooking the Clearwater River and then dinner on the deck of the Edge next door sipping a cold one, eating a surf and turf dinner is worth the bucks. The next morning, the hotel had put 2 water bottles out next to my bike wishing me a good ride. They had also offered hoses, bucket, and microfibers to clean up the bike. Nice, eh?

The next morning (Day 8), only 200 miles to go home and at 6:30 in the morning, there was no traffic, cool roads and a chance for breakfast at my favorite stop, Lochsa Lodge...a great way to finish the 3000-mile plus ride.

To finish this long dispatch, I was thoroughly exhausted when I finally pulled into the garage. I stayed exhausted for another couple of days. And I learned some things as a result of the ride: (1) The biggest lesson is that you must constantly work at riding your own ride. You can get caught up in other people's riding style and discover that it really doesn't work for you. I took some serious bumps on my bike because I was trying to keep up with a very fast two-wheeled rider. (2) I should have slowed down and done it my way knowing that he/they would wait for me at the next junction. There is no reason to "un-enjoy" a ride. (3) And, I learned that I truly prefer to ride alone. All of us who ride are at heart, loners. We spend hours riding with no one but ourselves and generally we like it that way. At the end of the day is when you want company to share your thoughts and observations. As much as I like the guys I ride with, I am confident I could have done that ride alone and accomplished more of my goals than I did compromising with the goals and aspirations of the other three. (4) Over plan when you're riding with others. It's important to hear from each rider what they have in mind, their preferences in terms of speeds, fast or slow riding, their ranges in terms of hours in the saddle and mileage ranges. Also, where if separated, where the "wait" points will be. And share cell phone numbers just in case. If you've overnighted with folks before, then less planning is required.

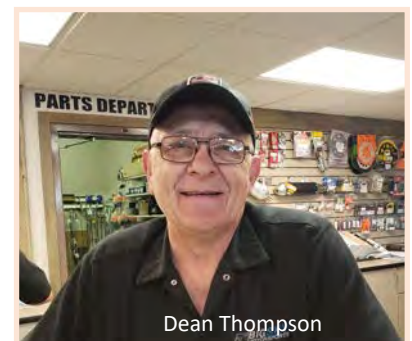
I experienced some beautiful country, met some really wonderful locals, reveled in how reliable my little three wheeler was, satisfied most of my bucket list on the Hi-Line and my yen to follow the route of the now defunct Milwaukee Road Electric line.

Ride your own ride...seriously.

Dave McCormack

As a friend said some time ago "It is not an adventure until something goes wrong". For Carol and I it was a flat on my bike in Wise River which is in a tire shop dead zone. We managed to make it to Butte with the aid of our electric air pump. Google told us to go to Redline Sports on Harrison Avenue. It was great advice from an anonymous algorithm. The assistance the owner, Margie Fine, gave us was extraordinary, including having her parts person first call and then drive around to other possible locations for a tire when they discovered they didn't have one. Then when everyone was busy with their grand opening the next day, Margie squeezed us into their shop schedule first thing so we could get on the road again. We would highly recommend Redline if you ever need assistance in Butte. The other part of our grateful thanks goes to Missoula's own Dean Thompson (on the right) at Big Sky who got the needed tire to the Missoula bus station after hours. It is a pleasure to know needed help of this kind is always available.

Gary and Carol Graham



Dean Thompson

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Other Riding Events

Missoula is home to a loosely organized group with a common interest in motorcycling, and as inferred from their name, eating - the Sunday Morning Breakfast Club. MONTANA BMW RIDERS member Rick Kuschel is associated with this group. Their first annual Magruder Corridor Ride occurred the first week in August. The ride, shown on the track below, actually starts on the Lolo Motorway in Idaho and enters the Magruder Corridor from the south west end. I

had the opportunity to visit with the riders at their rendezvous point in Lolo. A diverse collection of motorcycles for an off-road venture.

2019 SMBC Magruder

Waypoints

- ▣ Burnt Knob Fire Outlook
- ▣ Darby Gas Stop
- ▣ Elk City - Stop
- ▣ Elk City Gas Stop
- ▣ Kooskia Regroup
- ▣ Lochsa Lodge and Campground
- ▣ Lolo Fuel Stop
- ▣ Pierce Gas Stop

Tracks

- ↪ SMBC 1 - Lolo to Lochsa
- ↪ SMBC 2 - Lochsa to Pierce
- ↪ SMBC 3 - Pierce to Kooskia
- ↪ SMBC 4 - Kooskia to Elk City
- ↪ SMBC 5 - Darby to Elk City
- ↪ SMBC 6 - Darby to Lolo

Map of the 2019 Magruder Moto Ride



This rider, a former motorcycle racer, was using the event to celebrate his second anniversary of open heart surgery.

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Other Riding Events (continued)



Rick Kuschel

The first annual SMBC Adventure Ride was held August 2nd, 3rd, and 4th with the Magruder Corridor Adventure Ride.

Six hearty souls on a diverse selection of bikes (BMW 1150 GS, 2x Suzuki DRZ400's, a Kawasaki Versys and KLR 650, along with a 1970's Honda CL450 Scrambler. Alex Pearsall, Rick Kuschel, Noah Silverman, Pat McKay, Jeff Logan, and Brett (Iron Man)

Leisch left from Lolo Conoco and proceeded up Highway 12 to the Elk Meadows Road which parallels 12 on the Montana side on the South side of Lolo Creek and ends up at the Rest area at the top of the pass.



Elk Meadows Road

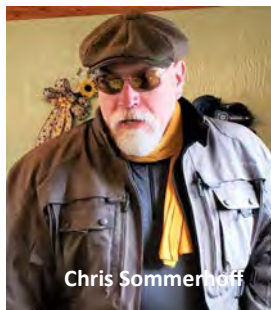
Refueling was at Lochsa Lodge and we proceeded to the Lolo Motorway via the Parachute Hill road right across 12 from the Lodge.

The official description of the Lolo Trail is "narrow, rocky and steep". At times, that seemed to be an understatement. Friday night we managed to find ourselves at a campground on Rocky Ridge Lake where Alex discovered that picnic tables make great beds.

Saturday we finished the trail and rode to Kooskia for breakfast and to meet up with Christopher Sommerhoff (BMW R1200GS)



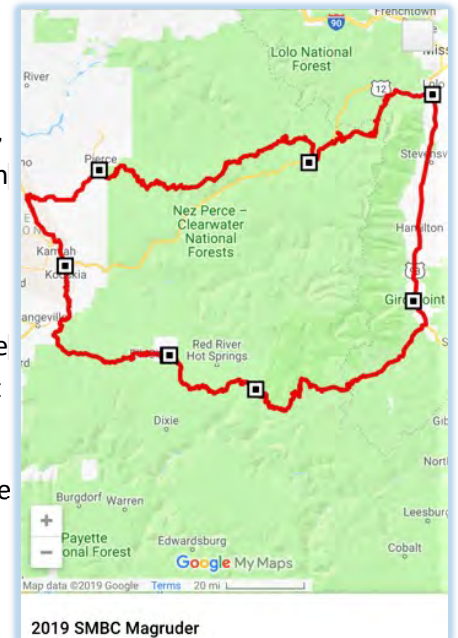
Jeff Logan unfortunately had a flat front tire, fixed it and pinched the tube, fixed it again and it held for about 20 miles on the way to Elk City. He unfortunately had to retire from the trip and limped back to Missoula.



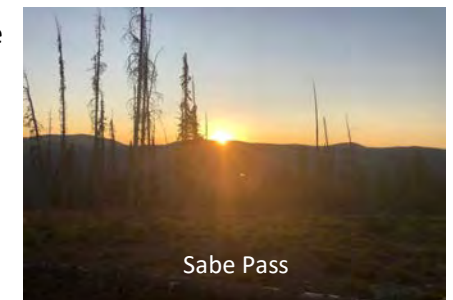
Chris Sommerhoff

We met in Elk City for Ice cream then gassed up from the only pump in the area. Anything you want as long as it is regular unleaded.

The remaining six of us headed to the Magruder Corridor which was a much smoother ride than the Lolo Motorway.



2019 SMBC Magruder



Sabe Pass

Brett's tailbag assembly needed some repair, and we modified our plans and found a nice campground on a saddle called Sabe Vista. A huge velveted muley buck that took some interest in our disturbance of his domain and he circled entirely around us at a distance of about 40 yards. The sunset was fabulous and the Milky Way was clearly visible.

Riding out on the third day was relatively uneventful. after crossing the river, the roads were smooth to Magruder Ranger Station then some gravel and finally paved road to the state line. Gas in Darby, breakfast in Hamilton and the finish in Missoula. Total Mileage:450 miles.

Rick Kuschel

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Reports from the Road

Paul Stafford, a new member from Huson, Montana provided the following report on a recent ride in the western Montana— eastern Idaho region. This is an area with several good day rides, but not often used by MONTANA BMW RIDERS.

Dick French

August 16/17, the weather looked good (barely), so my buddy and I took our 2011 BMW F650GS twins on a little week-end overnighter. We were looking for a combination of winding paved and dirt roads, and using a combination of GMaps pedometer and Basecamp, came up with a plan for a 24 hour getaway. We left Alberton Saturday at two pm, and headed to St Regis, the jumping-off spot. In the grand tradition of eating and riding, riding and eating, we grabbed

some Huckleberry pie a la mode at the travel center before heading out.

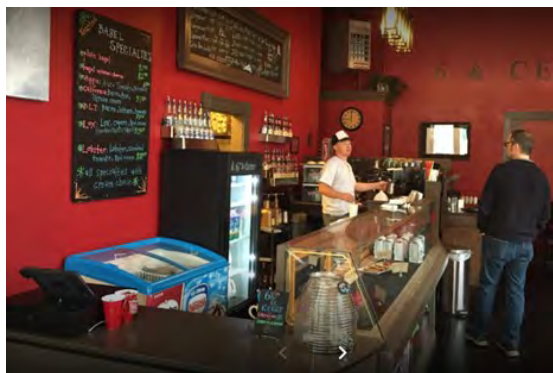
The first leg was Little Joe Road, a winding dirt route up and over the mountains that becomes paved at the pass. Those 27 miles to the St Joe River road were a total joy, especially the last 8-9 miles before hitting the St Joe river.

Then we rode along the river about 70 miles, nearly to the south end of lake C D' Alene. Tons of fly fishermen's pickups lined the shady route, until the road opened up into farmland as we approached C'DL. A nice wooded FS campground with lawn everywhere had everything we needed - except a replacement sleeping bag for my buddy, who lost his somewhere along the route! I'll have to send him to remedial knot-tying school.

The next morning, we backtracked 30 miles along the St Joe to Avery, where we abandoned pavement and took the Moon Pass road 30 miles to Wallace. This is a fun route, mostly wide and easy, although the gravel got thick in places. One cool feature were the 4-5 tunnels along the route. Sure looked like this road might have

once been a train route, but there was no evidence of a rail bed.

We entered Wallace through the back door around 11am, and headed straight to 6th and Cedar Espresso bar for a much-deserved coffee before slabbing home.



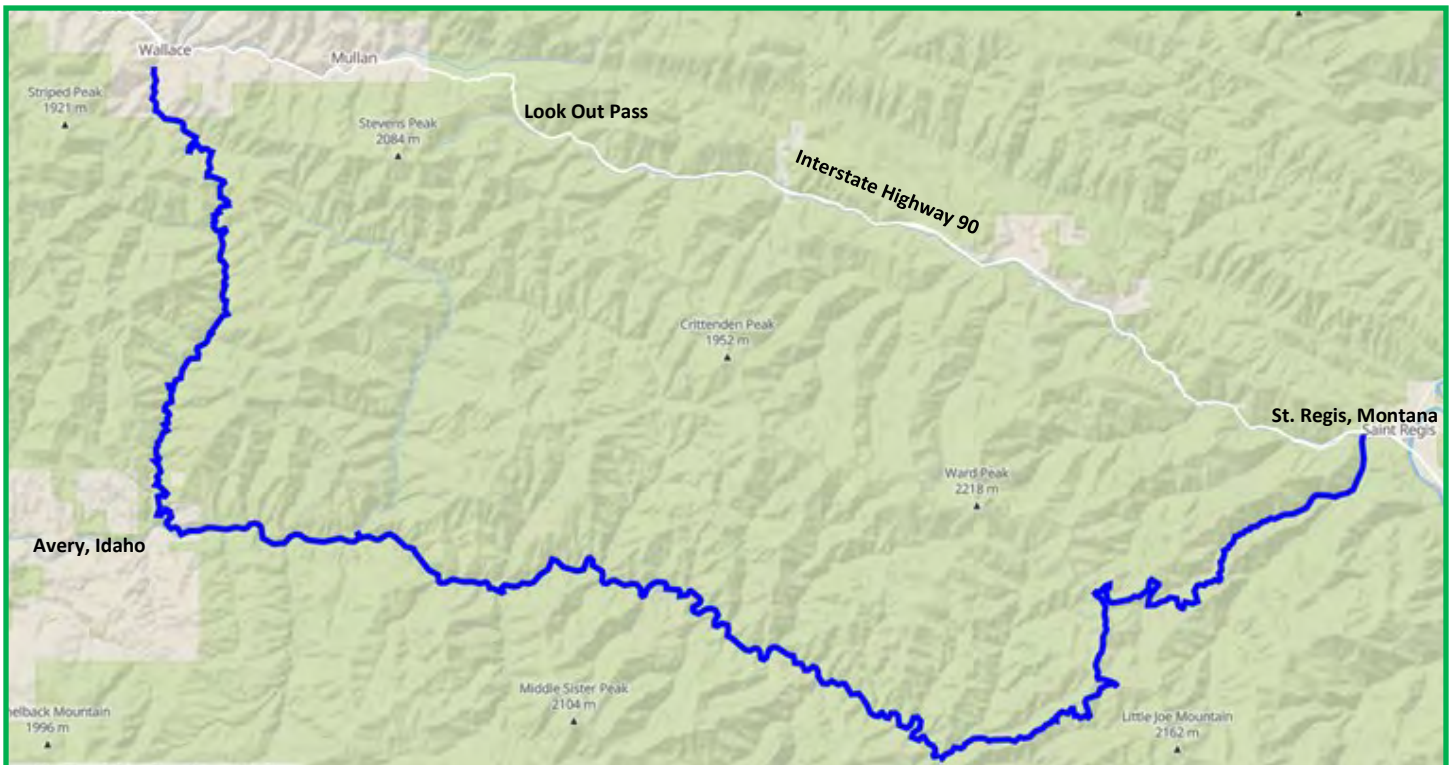
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Reports from the Road (continued)

We did this between midday Saturday and midday Sunday because we like camping and drinking 12 yr. old single malt by a remote river in the evening; but it could easily be a single days' trip.

Here's the interesting part of the route. A good tour of the northern Idaho mountains. There's gas in Avery and Big Eddy resort (but spendy), so no supplemental fuel should be needed.

Paul Stafford



Little Numbers - Big Determination

Some of the discussions at the BEARTOOTH RENDEZVOU included a rider seen on a haul road to Prudhoe Bay of a Honda 110 (step-through). The rider was on an around-the-world ride. A few days later, **Chris Froines** took this photo of the rider at a gas station where Chris stopped on his return to Missoula. If the stickers tell the tail, he is indeed on a world tour.

I suspect the bottle of water on the muffler provides hot tea at almost any time.

Dick French



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Monthly Meeting - Wisdom



Fourteen members, all riding, attended the monthly meeting in Wisdom on the 25th arriving from Bozeman, Helena, Missoula, the Bitterroot Valley and Huson. Several of us made the return trip on Montana Highway 569 to Anaconda, achieving our share of 'off-road' on about five miles of construction. All Winnebago Class A, with the exception for about a quarter of a mile that would have precluded all but the most determined Winnebago drivers. Chris Froines and Lynden Clark, arrived via way of one of Chris' "...I know a short-cut...." routes. They did reaffirm, "You meet the most interesting people on motorcycles" adage. They were accompanied by a Swiss rider, Thierry Wilhelm who is on the last leg of an 11 year around the world ride, with the final stop, Mexico City, where the ride started.



When the advanced party arrived (your editor) the hostess informed me we were to be seated in the bar. I thought this to be a bit unusual for a group of BMW riders. Then I saw the sign on the wall at the end of the bar.

The lesson learned: Next time send a younger advanced party!



From the near left, Terry Pohland, Dave McCormack, Darryl Graham, (rode his new CanAm) and Terry Kay

You can find the record of Thierry's travels on his website, (Worldbiker.ch).



Chris Froines



Annie Huddy (back to camera), Tom Moe, Bob Rennick, Mike Meredith, Kevin Huddy, Blair Krumm, Kim Smolt and Brian Campbell.



Lynden Clark

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New Member

Paul Stafford - Paul graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in Engineering Science, and went to work for NASA in the Infrared Astronomy group at Ames Research Center (Moffat Field, CA). After 7 years at NASA (and after getting an MS at Stanford), he left government and worked for Hewlett Packard in their Microwave Instruments division in Palo Alto, and later in Santa Rosa. Moving to Montana in 2003, he became self-employed, turning his math background to consulting in foreign exchange risk management for corporates and institutional investors.



His motorcycle career began in high school - as for many of us - riding dirt bikes. During college and his first two years at NASA, he rode an old Honda 350, barely able to keep up in Bay Area freeway traffic. Then, a long darkness, finally broken by Overland Magazine in the of Fall 2018. After that, resistance was futile. Taking the MSF course to knock off the heavy rust, he located a well-FARKLE'd 2011 BMW F650GS twin with just 22,000 miles. He's been exploring Montana forest trails and back roads ever since.

When not riding, he shoots competitive long range rifle, takes his dogs hiking, dabbles in woodworking, and religiously follows Kurt Vonnegut's dictum "I tell you, we are here on Earth to fart around, and don't let anybody tell you different."

Paul lives with his wife Julie and two dogs in Huson.

(Editors Note - Paul has an article elsewhere in the Newsletter of his recent ride along the backroads of western Montana and eastern Idaho. We are glad to have you as a member of the MONTANA BMW RIDERS Club)

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Thursday Events:

1:00—5:00 PM—Registration

4:00 PM— Skills Training, Go for a ride, sight see, etc.

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Road

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ATV

5:30 PM—Dinner on you own.

7:00 PM—Movie night at local theaters -\$5.00

Friday Events:

7:00—8:00 AM - Breakfast on you own.

8:00 AM Welcome and Re-Ride Meeting

9:00 AM Rides depart

Road

Dual Sport

Side-by-Side

ATV

5:30 PM - Dinner on you own

7:00 PM - Slide Show Recap

Saturday Events:

7:00—8:00 AM - Breakfast on you own

8:00 AM - Pre-Ride Meeting

9:00 AM—Ride Departs

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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/Sun	All-Day
✓May	19	Drummond	Wagon Wheel	Sun	1:00 PM
✓June	22	Big Fork	Echo Lake Cafe	Sat	1:00 PM
✓June	27	Gold Creek	Dinner Bell	Thu	6:00 PM
✓July	19-20	Monarch Area	Little Belt Mountains	Fri/Sat/ Sun	TBD
✓July	21	White Sulphur Springs	Snooks Dinner	Sun	1:00 PM
✓Aug	24	Big Hole	Off Road Ride	Sat	TBD
✓Aug	25	Wisdom	The Crossings	Sun	1:00 PM
Sep	14	Ennis	Sportsman's Lodge	Sat	1:00 PM
Oct	20	Ovando	Trixi's Antler Saloon	Sun	1:00 PM
Nov	17	Avon	Avon Cafe	Sun	1:00 PM
Dec	7	Missoula	Big Sky Motorsports	Sat	5:30-8:30 PM

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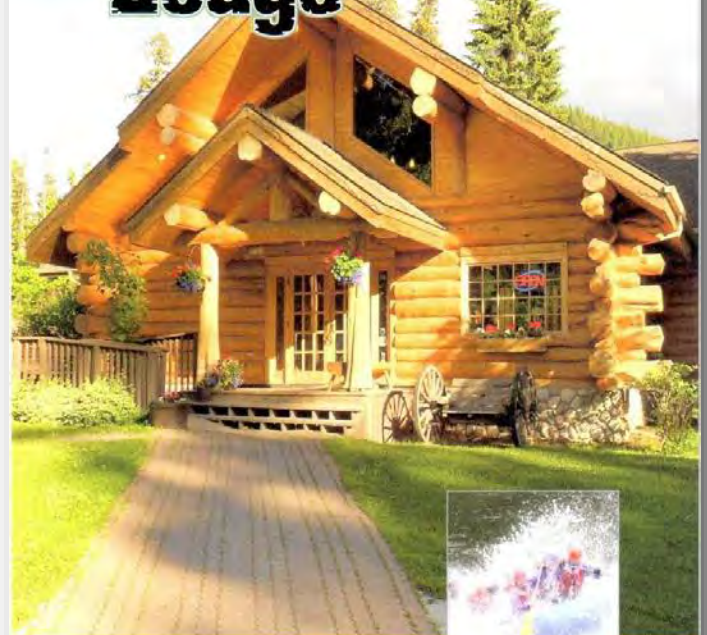
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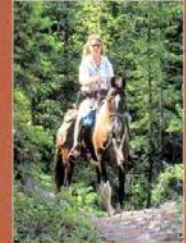
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