

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

BMW Motorcycle Club
Montana BMW Riders



CLUB CHARTER

MEMBERSHIPS :

BMWMOA #155

AMA #6830

NEXT MEETING

Avon Café

Avon, Montana

Sunday November 17, 2019

1:00 PM

-HOME OF THE NEXT BEST RIDE-

BMWMOA CORNER

Tom Moe 33028 – BMW MOA Regional Coordinator



I was unable to make the scheduled Bozeman Breakfast event on Saturday October 12 as I had to go to Lewistown on last minute family business.

I don't know how many or who showed up for the October 2nd Saturday breakfast in Bozeman but I certainly hope there were some attendees and that a good time was had. I do think we should make it a standing event if there is interest and I will be at Kountry Korner Café November 9th for breakfast, I hope we can build attendance.

My wife and I are in the Sacramento area this week and have gone under contract for a "winter" home. All of her relatives are in the Sacramento area and I spent 25 years in Sacramento so it feels good to me as well allowing for much more riding. We are taking up winter residence at Sun City Lincoln Hills participating in all the "senior" activities. I will continue to do my best to serve as the MT Regional Coordinator. Today, Saturday the 26th, we dropped by A & S Cycles, Roseville, CA and they were having Oktoberfest and the River City Beemers were cooking brats for the fairly large crowd. Got to see a good number of my riding buddies. RCB is a very active charter club.

BMWMOA Rally

Not all of the rally information is available yet but I do hope that we as a group will volunteer as much time as we can to assist with the rally. What we do know is:

The 2020 MOA Rally will be held in Great Falls, Montana **June 25 to June 28, 2020** at:

Montana ExpoPark
400 3rd St NW
Great Falls, MT 59404

REGISTRATION:

Online rally registration will open on 1 January 2020, at BMWMOA.ORG and is available until the rally ends. Registration forms will be available in BMW Owners News Registration incentives will be announced on the website and in the magazine as they become available.

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VOLUNTEERING:

I found out the rally co-chairs Corey and Becky Smith along with Bob Aldridge and Ted Moyer were in Great Falls so I drove over to meet with them and tour the facility on October 15th.

I was asked and agreed to serve as the post-rally cleanup chairperson. As such I am hoping to enlist the aid of local MTBMWriders and those willing to stay on just a little longer on Sunday. If we have a good crew of approximately 10 people we should be able to finish and leave by early afternoon. If you can assist and commit please let me know either by phone/text 406-599-5226 or tom.moe@sbcglobal.net.

RV PARKING:

When I was at the facility on October 15th I met the RV Parking Chairman and together we looked the situation over. RV Parking is limited perhaps as low as 51 units. The RV spaces are not that attractive with only about 30 full service and 21 electrical only. While I had planned to drag my RV trailer there I have changed my mind allowing more room for those coming from much further away. A search of RV Parks Great Falls reveals only Dick's RV Park and 406-452-0333 and the KOA 406-727-3191. I imagine space will be limited and a very early reservation is recommended.

CAMPING:

Anyone arriving prior to Thursday must be an identified volunteer with a rally committee and will be expected to volunteer for rally set-up duties. Rally set-up is a big effort and the set-up volunteers need an opportunity to get their work done in a timely fashion. Please give these volunteers a chance to get the rally ready before your arrival.

I had seen Facebook comments about the lack of grass for camping judged by those viewing Google Earth images. In reality there is plenty of very nice grass camping, it just doesn't show that well from satellite imagery. There is also some nice shade from tall and mature trees as well.

CHARTERED CLUB CAMPING AREAS:

While we were there on October 15th we looked over areas for chartered club camping and found a couple of very good areas with electrical hookup potential for club use and discussed large tent rental possibilities for chartered clubs as well. Kevin and Annie Huddy were asked if they would chair this responsibility, should we desire a MTBMWriders camping area (and I assume we would) we should speak up as early as possible, we might have an inside edge. We could certainly setup a nice accommodation area for the club.

ACCOMODATIONS:

Should you not be a camper there are of course numerous hotels and motels in Great Falls within a few miles. Again, I would suggest booking early as they will certainly fill up and prices will increase as well. One of the closest ones, Staybridge Suites, is already very high, they must have heard about the rally.

Let's help make it a great Montana rally.

Ride safe, keep the rubber side down.

Tom Moe

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Keeping and increasing membership in MTBMW Riders and BMWMOA

We BMWMOA members probably saw the financial statement in the latest ON. We thought it important to include the chart (See the attachment included with the NEWSLETTER) showing BMWMOA Membership trends.

The trend in motorcycle sales has seen a decrease since 2008 and with it a decrease in organization membership. This is true even of non-motorcycle organizations. Our continued success as an organization is dependent on maintaining members and adding new members as well.

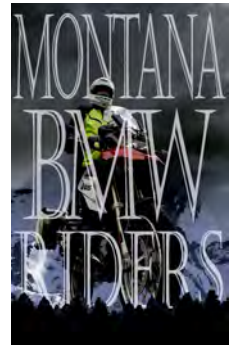
The future depends on us as members to encourage new members to join instead of sitting idly on the sideline. We hope our most dedicated members will continue to reach out to new and younger riders and help them find a new home in our organizations.

Tom Moe

Editor's Corner



October definitely brought the 2019 riding season to an end, at least in Montana. Bob Rennick provided some photos and narrative on year-around riding in this issue to celebrate his relocation to southern Oregon. Our hard core, 'ride-in-any-weather' riders made the cold trip to the First-Breakfast in both Helena and Missoula. Several also showed us the way to Trixi's for the October Club meeting. We were glad to see that John Webster is back on his bike after a summer's hiatus to allow his back to recover, as was John Wing who had a collar bone repaired earlier this year.



Larry Banister, who is not just a one-trick kind of guy, picked the best time of the year to stress a bit of his body. See his column on the Mileage Contest.

As I have had the opportunity to interview many of you, I am always amazed by the individuality, yet communality among the members. Paul Oliver (Bozeman) and Mike Kreikemeier (Belgrade) contributed some photos and a little information on their 'fly and ride' adventures for this issue.

Our next meeting will be in Avon on November 17, 2019 and the Christmas Party December 7, 2019.

Also in this issue is a rider profile of Fred and Susan Reed that I think you will enjoy.

Dick French

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Ambassador's Corner - Annie and Kevin Huddy



And so it begins; we are six weeks into Fall and already Winter seems to have come to stay. Feelings of anger, sorrow and betrayal course through our bodies as we lament the fall that never really happened here in Tropical Montana. When people would ask us why we retired and moved to Montana from Fairbanks, AK we would tell them it was because of the short and easy Winters here in Big Sky Country. We have learned that the winters here are a bit shorter and a bit easier, but that does not mean they are short and easy.

So what is to be done? We suggest it is time to begin getting ready to ride again when the snow and ice subsides (Unless you have a two-wheel drive Ural and can ride in the snow).

Getting ready for the next season can involve a wide variety of tasks:

Maintain your riding gear:

Treat your riding boots with a leather treatment that refurbishes the leather and makes it at least water resistant. Inspect them and if repairs are needed (Seams stitched, zippers repaired, new soles or heels) then get them to a cobbler. Now cobblers can be hard to find but here in Helena we are blessed with an excellent cobbler called **Ryan's Boot and Shoe Repair at, 919 Euclid Ave, Helena, MT 59601, 406 442 5215.**

Clean and inspect your helmet. If have ever removed and cleaned your helmet liner, then I know two things about you. First you have uttered the word "**Yewwwww**" and second, you will clean it again. It does not take long for that thing to get disgusting. Remove the liner and cheek pads and let them soak in warm water with some Woolite in it. While you are waiting, wipe down the interior of the helmet with a damp cloth. Pay particular attention to that space right in front of your nose and mouth where you sneezed all those times last summer. Rinse the liner and pads well... very well and then let dry. I let them tumble dry until they are just barely damp, then let air dry. I am concerned that if it goes too long in a dryer the liner could distort.

Clean and waterproof your jacket and pants. Follow your manufacturer's instructions on what sort of cleaner and sealant to use. They seem to all recommend you do not use any sort of common washing detergent. Inspect your seams and zippers and repair as needed. During the riding season I sometime wash my riding gear in just plain old water. It removes bug guts and, because my gear is mostly black, it comes out looking very good. Washing in plain warm water tends not to affect the water resistance of the material.

Maintain your motorcycle(s):

This is, of course, a very broad topic so I will address an approach more than specific tasks. First, our long winters can be a bit of a blessing in that it allows ample time to tend to maintenance without causing lost riding time. I always detail our bikes in the winter, not so much for appearance as for letting me get eyes on every nook and cranny to see how things are going (are things where they are supposed to be, are they tight, are they looking worn, are they getting corroded?). Look behind things. Pull the seat, fairing bits, side panels and radiator guards. I found about half pound of dead bugs behind one of my radiator guards last winter.

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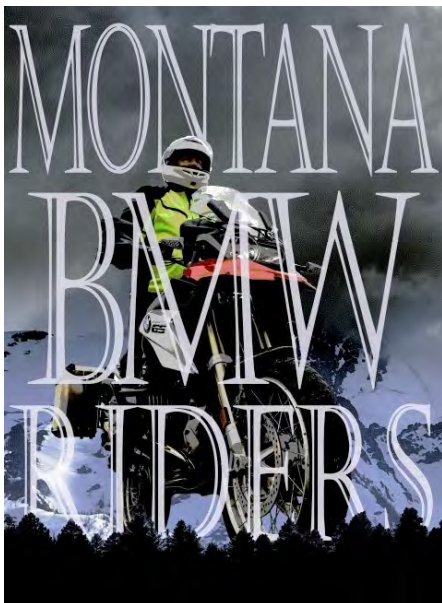
Of course you should do the scheduled maintenance stuff such as changing fluids and filters, but do some other tasks that are not normally scheduled. Clean the dead bugs out of the radiator. Be careful... you can damage those delicate cooling fins quite easily. Soak the fins with warm water or hydrogen peroxide until things are nice and squishy, then flush with running water out of a hose. I have also used compressed air at very low pressures. Either way this will be messy. Disassemble, clean, and lubricate your shifter linkage and pivot. Check your wheels and spokes for damage and adjustment, and check the wheel bearings too. Pay attention to your center and side stands and make sure they are well lubricated.

And lastly, plan ahead. I try to make sure I start a riding season with all our bikes serviced so that I have to do as little as possible during the summer. Consider doing a major service in the winter even if it is not due for a while. I'll check the valves on our bikes even if they are not due for 6,000 miles. That way I may get through a summer without needing to do a valve check more than once. If you do it yourself then you will have more time to do it. If you have it done at a shop then you are likely going to get reduced labor rates in the winter and possibly the shop will pick-up and deliver your bike.

Plan:

Whether you are planning to ride the Silk Road with Helge Pedersen or planning a series of day rides, then Winter is the time to plan it. Studying maps, updating camping gear, making reservations and putting together riding groups are all ways to keep the motorcycling fires burning. Hopefully, your planning for 2020 includes attending the BMWMOA Rally in Great Falls in late June.

On a different topic. No one has submitted their request to be reimbursed for motorcycle training taken this past year. Now is the time to do it or the opportunity may be lost. Contact me (Kevin) at huddykl@gmail.com to request reimbursement.



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Mileage Contest Report



Ladies and Gentlemen....the last week in October hasn't been too rider friendly for those of us hoping to get a few more miles for this year's Montana BMW Riders mileage contest which ends this weekend 10/31. (I noticed a number of intrepid folks riding to Trixi's for our October meeting and we had a pretty good day for that ride and meeting.) If you get the BMWMOA magazine, there is a summer mileage contest form (copy on the right) in that mag and you need to fill it out and submit it to MOA for your official ending mileage entry for MOA. If you want to use that form to record you ending mileage for our local contest you can do that. Otherwise, I simply need some written form stating your name, bike(s) used this season and the ending mileage a/o 10/31 for each bike(s). That written format can be sent by email or snail mail but needs to be received NLT 11/15 so that I can get the winners figured out in time for our annual Christmas party.

2019 BMW MOA SUMMER MILEAGE CONTEST
(Contest ends Thursday, October 31, 2019)

BMW MOA# _____ Female _____ Male _____

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Chartered Club (provide MOA Charter Club Number) _____

Do not mail finisher pin

NOTE: The annual contest is intended to record miles ridden on BMW Motorcycles.
Please specify if Miles or Kilometers on all readings.

YEAR	MODEL	ODOMETER READING	MI / KM

Verification:
Two (2) signatures by BMW MOA members (not immediate family) or one (1) signature by an MOA Chartered Club Officer or Director, MOA Officer, Director, Ambassador, BMW Owners News Staff, BMW Dealer or Notary Public.
Contact Mileage Contest Coordinator at jmlow@bwmwmoa.org with questions

1. Signature _____ BMW MOA # _____ Date _____

Address _____ City /State / Zip _____

2. Signature _____ BMW MOA # _____ Date _____

Address _____ City /State / Zip _____

Signature of Entrant: _____

The annual contest is intended to record miles ridden on BMW motorcycles
BMW MOA does not encourage unsafe riding practices. See reverse side for guidelines.

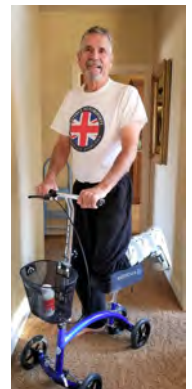
Must be postmarked by November 15, 2019

Thanks to each of you for your participation this year, I'm looking forward to seeing you and announcing this year's contest results at our Christmas party December 7th at Big Sky BMW.

Larry Banister

As is Larry's typical Fall routine, dawn of the first day of big game rifle season finds him in the mountains of western Montana with a keen eye and a focus of purpose. This year was typical - except for the tumble down a mountain side resulting in a broken fibula (calf bone) of his left leg. Larry reports no surgery appears to be required but about ten weeks of not walking the dog is in order. The prognosis is it will be ready to ride next spring. In the mean time, he is learning how to ride his 'sidecar'!

The Editor



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Reports from the Road



One of Bob Carpenter's rides this summer was to Garnet ghost town of the 1860's in Granite County. At 6,000 feet, it is about 11 miles north from the old US 10 frontage road between Drummond and the Bearmouth I-90 exit. Photos by Bob Carpenter.



Bob Rennick, present club member and former Helena resident, sent a few notes from his Oregon residence. It appears he is not ready to put his bike in storage for the winter.

Editor



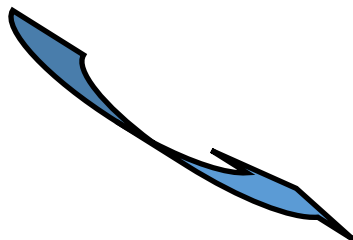
"Hi Dick. I miss the end of the year ride to Trixie's even if is cold. On Friday I hooked up with local BMW riders for a ride in the southern Cascades. Temp was in the 60s at the high elevations and in the 70s in the valleys. Basically circumnavigated Mt. Mcloughlin, which is



a spectacular volcano in southern Oregon. Here are a couple photos, not great, and a photo from a couple weeks ago."

"Karin and I did some wine tasting at the winery next door to where we live yesterday."

Bob



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Reports from the Road - (continued)

Members **Paul Oliver** (Bozeman) and Mike **Kreikemeier** (Belgrade) have managed to combine three passions (or maybe afflictions) - motorcycles, airplanes and the outdoors into a single hobby. Paul's Cessna Stationair, that he sometimes refers to as his "flying SUV", and Mike's Kitfox, a Short Takeoff and Landing (STOL) kit plane are shown below at some of their adventures. Mike also pilots a Mooney airplane on longer flights to real airports. I reached Mike by mobile phone once, and discovered he was pedaling his electric bike to his mother's home after having unloaded it from his Mooney.

Paul assured me winter is a great time to fly - the cold dense air enhances the airplane's performance. Just think, snow on the ground - no problem. Simply load up your bike and fly south for a couple of days.



Paul adds another dimension to the term, "working from home". He assured me that although it looks like he is parked in a jack rabbit pasture, there is an air strip close by. A 60 mile jeep road connects this location to a paved highway. These photos from October 2015 show his Cessna covered and tied down and his Yamaha 225 loaded for a few days of trail riding.



Mike's Kit Fox (yellow aircraft) and Paul's Cessna at the fly-in campground. Mike's Honda 450, front wheel removed and suspension pulled down, on its shipping frame, ready for loading.



When they really want to 'rough-it' the electric bicycles go in. Their airplanes are tied down on the other side of the canyon (about 12 miles) while Paul and Mike explore some Indian cliff dwellings.

The bicycles get the same treatment, front wheel removed and stuffed in the back passenger area of the aircraft.



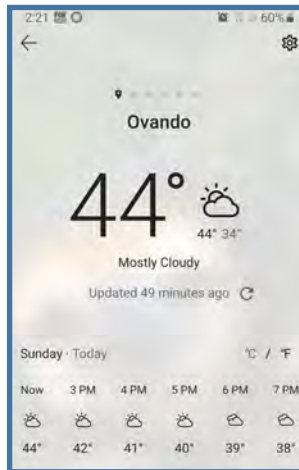
Air Strip? Definitely not a Winnebago Class "A" road.

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MT BMW RIDERS MEETING - Ovando, Montana

In spite of the inclement weather, 15 enthusiasts attended including five riders. Chris Froines, Bob Carpenter, Steve Inabit, Ken Senn and John Torma all suited up for the ride.

Phil and Delori Haglund made the drive from Belt. Phil is proposing another "Little Belt" ride next summer since the 2019 rides were so well received. He hopes to scout out new routes, again dependent on when the roads open.



Set the table and they will come! From the right, Chris Froines, Steve Inabit, Don Deuel, Chuck Reaves, Ken Senn, Delori and Phil Haglund. From the near left, Greg Hintz, Larry Banister (hidden) and John Torma.



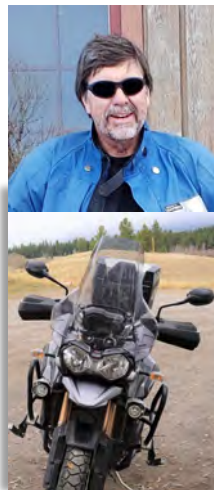
Motorcycle riders are basically 'gear heads' at heart. We spent a lot of time talking about Phil Haglund's 1963 Ford Galaxy 500 XL convertible and Steve Inabit's new Moto Guzzi V85TT. Both sharp looking.

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MT BMW RIDERS MEETING - Ovando, Montana—(continued)



Chris Froines, with a clean Africa Twin, and Bob Carpenter and his BMW F700 on the right.



Ken Senn arrived on his Triumph



We can always count on John Torma to ride when the weather is less than ideal. Newsletter files are full photos of John, his K1200 and snow.



What a difference a year makes. The photos above are from the Club meeting on October 21, 2018 at Trixi's. Great weather, although a bit cool, and 25 riders. On the consistent side, the official 'greeter', a faded yellow lab (2018 on left and 2019 on the right) remained the same. A lot of familiar faces in the top right photo.

"The October 2018 monthly meeting at Trixie's in Ovando drew 28 participants. It was a Montana Fall day made for riding, with members and guests from Hamilton, Victor, Lolo, Missoula, Huson, Bigfork, Helena, Townsend and Belgrade."

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Rider Profile Fred Reed



Fred and Susan Reed are participants at many of the MONTANA BMW RIDERS club functions.

Fred has been a member since 2001, who with his 1989 BMW R100RS are at most of the Huddy Tech Day events.

Fred is a native Montanan raised on a ranch near Sidney where he

started his motorcycle riding on a Harley-Davidson 125 two cycle. This is where he also acquired a 1940's Harley-Davidson 'tank-shifter' and foot clutch which he eventually sold to a local car dealer to start college at what is now known as Montana State University-Billings. School was cut short when he joined the US Army in 1959 with his assignment to France. Although it was the height of the Cold War, he drew an assignment with a unit stationed at the intersection of the French, Luxembourg and Belgium borders. In reflection, he felt it was not a 'hardship' assignment.

Upon discharge, he returned to Montana to earn his bachelor's degree at the University of Montana in 1965. He noted his two-wheel transportation during this time was a bicycle. He did mention there was a "...lets ride to Tijuana..." lark but didn't elaborate.

The Peace Corps founded in 1961 was drawing many young Americans to its ranks. Fred volunteered and in 1966 found himself in Northern India on an assignment working to apply small tractors in farming. He chuckles that the models he helped develop were the forerunners of the current day Mahindra line of equipment, one of the largest in the world.

It was also here that he met another Peace Corps volunteer, Susan. With an application from the local Indian jurisdiction, a cake server borrowed from the Ambassador's (Chester Bowles) wife, they were married at the US Embassy in New Delhi.

After completing their Peace Corps commitments, the Reed's returned to the United States and took up graduate studies at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. This was a choice he made because of his fondness for country music, a selection criterion that he occasionally had to minimize in academic circles. This tenure not only led to a Doctorate in Sociology, but a reuniting with his motorcycle passion. His primary mode of transportation became a Honda Super Hawk 305, although riding two-up took a bit of determination.

A chance meeting with a fellow, a bit raggedy looking marine vet Fred observed, who gave him a ride on his BMW was enough to hook Fred. He knew this was to be his next motorcycle. To fund motorcycling, he and Susan started "Reed and Son Motorcycle Repair" with the nominal shop rate of "Cost plus 10%". His biggest promotion was Dunkin Donuts and free coffee every Sunday. This endeavor led to a 1968 BMW R60/2, his first BMW. The R60/2 worked its way into the family history.



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Rider Profile Fred Reed - (continued)

" Yes, Susan and I have had considerable adventures on BMW's. Our first was a new 1968 R60 that we bought while in graduate school for \$1500. We traded in a Honda Super Hawk 305 for it. That summer we opined that we wouldn't know whether LL Bean was open 24 hours a day unless we went to test them. Much of the current gear was unavailable so we strapped two army back packs together, put them across the dual seat, loaded our LL Bean 3-man tent and zip together sleeping bags on the luggage rack and headed north from Chapel Hill, N.C. We rode north on Highway 11. When we got to Susan's parents' house near Scranton, PA her father exclaimed, "God damn, we haven't had gypsies in the family for five generations." In Freeport MA we found a camp site and visited LL Bean at 3.00 A.M. They were open."

Unfortunately, the R60 met its demise in a head-on crash with a Ford Econoline (Fred was by himself) which left him severely injured. On the bright side, he continued classes, albeit in a full body cast. Not to be deterred, Fred bought one of the first BMW R75/5 models in 1969. Curiously, he had anxieties following the accident, not about riding, but about cars. The motorcycle was his comfort companion.

At the completion of his five-year graduate program, the motorcycle shop was doing quite well, so was the choice to be business or academia? An offer from the University of Chicago to teach development of communication programs in underserved areas overseas solved that question. Fred worked or visited 33 different countries during the three-year assignment.

Following the University of Chicago position was an assignment with UNICEF to develop a communications network in Ethiopia primarily focused on women and children.



The Reed Family returned to Missoula in 1976 to live, or perhaps as their 'base camp', as Fred continued his globetrotting career. His motorcycling continued with a refurbished 1972 BMW R60/5 which he fondly remembers as knowing its way to Syringa, Idaho for huckleberry pie. Rich Gates connected him with a "K" bike for frequent rides to Anacortes, Washington; Tillamook, Oregon and Prince Rupert and several ferry boats rides, once with Gary and Loretta Edwards. The "K" bike took them to Mile Marker "0" twice, once from each side the Continental Divide.

Somehow, he worked in a stint in Indonesia in 1980 for the United Nations. Starting in 1985, he completed a three year assignment with Johns Hopkins University working in India, developing a health care network.

In 2001, he added a BMW R1100RS to the inventory primarily to do a loop of the U. S. A. with his Los Angeles based brother on his Honda ST1100. This adventure was memorable in several ways. Leaving Missoula May 7th, he soon encountered snow and by Lost Trail Pass, the road was under construction and virtually impassable. When his bike went down at walking speed, the road was too slippery to have enough traction to upright it. Some good Samaritans got it back on its wheels and the passing snowplow spread enough sand to allow him to get off the pass and to dry road. They did the I-10 route, including a tornado, and eventually reached northeast Pennsylvania where Susan linked up with them.

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Rider Profile Fred Reed - (continued)

Susan is a frequent passenger with Fred but did try riding on a lowered Suzuki DR-Z650 they purchased from Tom Ferguson. To have a corresponding model, Fred picked up a Kawasaki KLR650. A trip to Lewiston, Idaho is frozen in their minds. They left Missoula on September 10, 2001 and watched the events at the World Trade Center on a flat screen TV that a motorhome camper positioned to the side of his motorhome in a campground on September 11, 2001.

Although Susan has 'retired' from active riding, and Fred appears to be retired. His current ride is a 1989 BMW R100.

Fred gave a 'left-handed' complement to the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. After many years of riding he took the Basic Course in Missoula taught by Larry Banister. His revelation was that he didn't know how he had ridden so long to find out how much he learned in the basic course. Take that as a compliment Mr. Banister.

We hope to see much more of Fred and Susan in the future.

Dick French

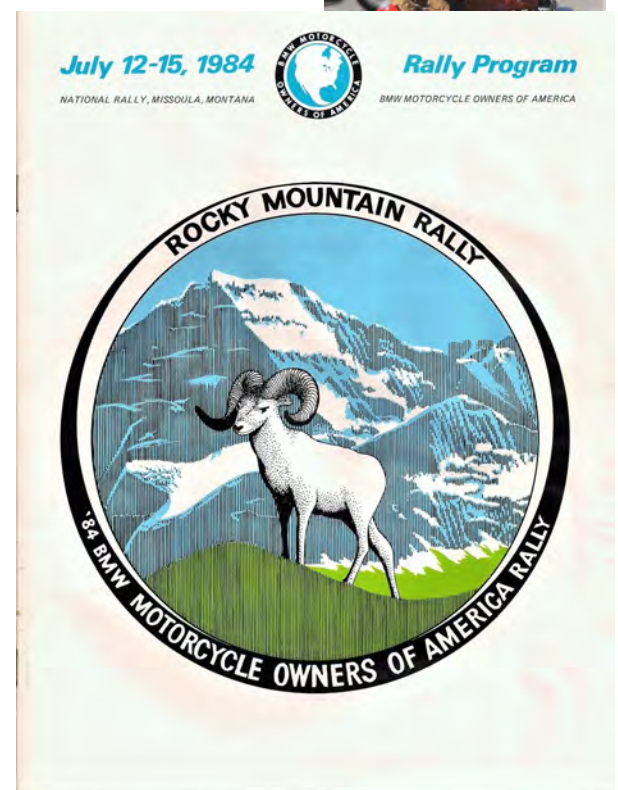


The September 11, 2001 Campground

Historian's Corner - Kim Lemke



April 19, 2009 at Sunshine Station, Phillipsburg. Chuck Reaves and we are betting the 'K' bike in the foreground belongs to Ed Field.



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Three Wheeler Corner

The ranks are growing. **Mike Hofferber**, Billings is the most recent club member to acquire a very sharp looking Ural, for commuting apparently. Mike reported it has been his 'commute' transportation through September and well into October. He did not explain the camouflage paint job, but is distinctive.



Fellow Ural rider (or do you 'drive' a Ural) **Ken Conrad** provided the following link to a Ural riding school in Germany:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wUT2o69Twhw>

It appears to be a very technical and well equipped riding school, and perhaps for good reason. I think you will find it interesting.

Ken also offered the following link to JANUS MOTORCYCLES, a small private manufacturing firm in GOSHEN, INDIANA that specialize in hand built 250cc single cylinder motorcycles:

- <https://mailchi.mp/4d6b51395a30/have-you-seen-our-parts-talk-videos?e=3e4f1f1376>

If you are searching for a unique ride, and the only one in the Four Stroke Single Cylinder (FSSC) group, you may be interested in opening the previous link.



Ambassador Kevin Huddy writes: *"The early winter has not stopped everyone from riding. Rode up to Marysville on Monday. About six miles was packed snow with an ice glaze on top. It was snowing, windy and 16 degrees. Would not have made it without 2wheel drive."*

There was no mention of a passenger! (Editor)

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Montana BMW Riders Breakfast Get Togethers

Missoula



We had a great turn-out of motorcycle owners



....and two motorcycle riders.



John Wing (recovered from his Yukon Territory get-off last spring. Refer to the July issue.), Mick Baughman, Lynn Springer, Chuck Reaves and Fred Reed.



Lynden Clark (near left), Dean Hall, John Webster, and across the table, Paul Stafford and LeAnn Clark. Sandy Knutsen, Liz Banister and Nancy Reed are in the background.



Fred and Susan Reed



Rick Kuschel also present.



Must belong to an avid off-road rider.

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Montana BMW Riders Breakfast Get Togethers (continued)

Helena

Our breakfast in Townsend was great. It was a raw, overcast and blustery day. Two Townsendites rode their bikes (Lance Lerum and Dan Mainwaring), Annie and I rode from Helena. Attendees were:

- * Ron Bloom
- * Nancy and Don Price
- * Brenda Pineiro and Ken Conrad
- * Lance Lerum
- * Dan Mainwaring
- * Mike Meridith
- * Paul (last name unknown)
- * Paul's friend
- * Annie and Kevin Huddy



This is a photography adverse group (part of the terms of the witness protection program), so no pictures were taken.

Kevin Huddy

Place2Place - Gary Graham



By the time you read this, the Place2Place contest is all over except for the awards which will be announced, as usual, at the Christmas Party. It is still not too late to provide your places visited to Gary Graham. Do it by November 9th. Remember to include your claim for the greatest distance traveled to a destination.



Bob Carpenter on his way to Hungry Horse Dam. Photo by Bob Carpenter.

That means the Google Maps distance from your home to the furthest destination you visited - regardless of how meandering the path you took. Thanks to all who participated. I'm sure it took you to places to which you might otherwise have remained a stranger.

Gary Graham

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New Member - Dean (Robert) Hall



Meet **Dean Hall** currently living in Missoula, Montana. Dean, originally from Michigan, moved from Lynnwood, Washington to Missoula this year to be closer to children and grand kids. (Where have we heard that before?) His association with motorcycles started early, at high school in Colorado on a 1957 Honda Dream 250 which lead to a Triumph 500 twin while he was in the US Navy (1961-68). He served a majority of his four-year tour on the U.S.S Richmond K. Turner (DLG 20) starting with its commissioning in Philadelphia and eventually



home ported in San Diego, California - a great place for year-around riding. While a college student in California, a 1966 BSA Victor441 provided transportation. There was a 30-year hiatus in riding after his discharge, but he did take-up a



Yamaha XS500 during his tenure with Xerox in the San Francisco Bay area, for "commuting". He and his wife, Marilyn retired to the Lynnwood, Washington in 2002 and put a Honda ST1300 in the garage. Dean notes he had a long term affair with this Honda. There was a short term ownership of a Kawasaki Concours 1400, all the while retaining the ST 1300. The Honda, however was eventually sold to purchase a Yamaha SJR 1300, but not before a brand new 2012 Triumph Tiger 1050 was purchased for a short stint in his riding. In late 2018 to early 2019, a Suzuki DR-Z 400 appeared to sample fire-trail off road riding. Although it was adventurous, he decided that was not his type of riding. He noted he preferred the twisty and paved back roads of Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Along with he and his wife's relocation to Missoula in July, 2019, Dean picked a 2014 BMW F800GT as his principle ride.

Although new to western Montana, he has added camping to his list of outside activities.

Dean joined MONTANA BMW RIDERS and is looking forward to rides with others with fellow club members. He notes that long distance riding has not been one of his goals, but prefers the one or two 250-300 miles per day rides.

We are glad you joined the MONTANA BMW RIDERS club Dean, and look forward to a great riding year in 2020.

Dick French

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New Member - Bruce (Chuck) Gobeo



Meet **Bruce Gobeo**, Missoula. Bruce starting riding street bikes in 1970, and then a hiatus from riding in early 1990s, but returned to biking in 2017. His rides have included English, Japanese and Harley-Davidson models, his first BMW is the 2015R1200RT shown at the right along the Beartooth Highway. The photo on the left is Bruce with his Harley-Davidson Road Guild.

We hope to see Bruce at the next event and on the rides for next season.

Dick French



Technical Tips



Recently Don Deuel and I attended the Big As Texas Iron Butt Rally in Texas.

During the same time period IBA was hosting a six day Senior Butt Rally for Finishers of the 11 Day Iron Butt Rally and new riders interested in participating in future rallies at the same venue. During this event three bikes went down from mechanical problems. These include two BMW 1200 GS and a Honda Goldwing! All three had the final drives go out, and couldn't be fixed overnight to get them back into the rally.

What appears to be consistent, was rust was found on the components of the final drives!

All three owners have in the past power washed their bikes, this more than likely forced condensation past the seal into final drive component.

Recommendation, change your final drive fluid at least once or more a year. Check it for signs of condensation. Be cognizant of directly power washing the final drive area! Over time these seals will eventually leak! Even riding on roadways where there are wet conditions can be a problem over time.

Greg Hintz



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First Saturday Breakfast Schedule

• Missoula

- Saturday 2 November
- The Press Box Sports Bar
- 835 E. Broadway
- Missoula, Montana
- 9:00 AM



• Helena

- Saturday 2 November
- Mother Lode Casino & Diner
- 1420 Cedar Street
- Helena, Montana
- 9:30 AM



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2019 Ride Schedule (Revised 10/1/19)					
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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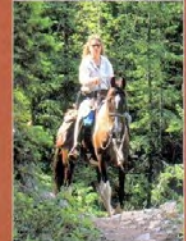
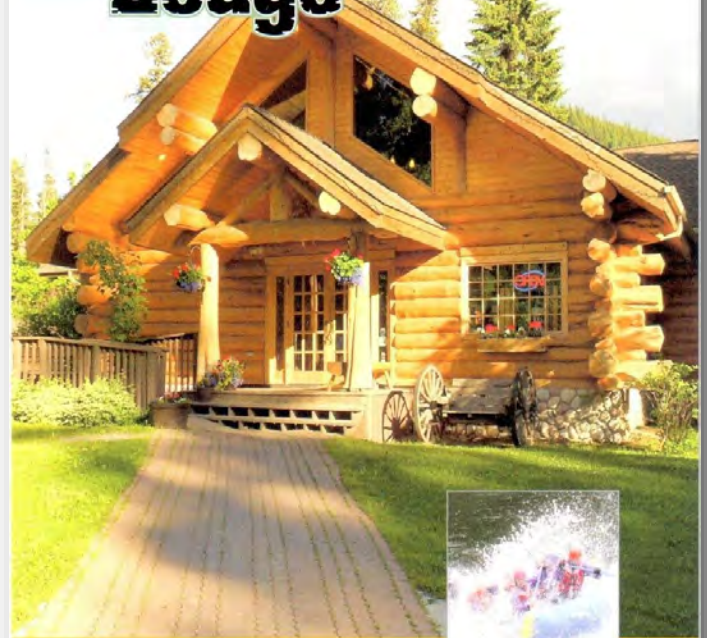
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