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President's Corner



We're at the end of another year, and it's natural and common practice to look back on the past year and forward to the new one. Our typical forum for that ritual – the annual MTBMWR Christmas Party – has been canceled, yet another social event fallen victim of the coronavirus pandemic. But let's not go down without a fight. Let's get together one last time – remotely – in order to securely stuff 2020 into the crypt, and to start looking ahead to better times in 2021. You are formally invited to a very special Montana BMW Riders event: **"Good Riddance 2020 – A Star-Studded Zoom Spectacular."** You must not miss this extra special event. Put on your most strikingly impressive motorcycle-themed clothing, grab an adult beverage or three (strictly for toasting purposes, of course), and shuffle over to your webcam-equipped computer, or tablet, or cell phone at **5pm on Saturday, December 12th.**

Then click on the Zoom weblink that will be provided via email, and join the party. [NOTE: If you haven't already become familiar with Zoom, now is the time to do so; if necessary, recruit any local teenager, pre-teen, adolescent, or toddler to help you get set up!]

What's on the program? Raffles! Prizes! Reveals! Previews! Unscripted Jackassery!

Live raffle drawings! Motorcycle themed books, cd's, DVD's, gift certificates, and other miscellany from the raffle prize bin. You must be present to win.

The **2020 Mileage Contest** prize winners announced! Grand Champion (\$75), Average Rider (\$50), and an exciting *live drawing* for the Random Rider prize (\$50).

The 2021 monthly Ride Calendar revealed, including some places we've never been before.

The 2021 Riding Contests revealed, including an all-new off-pavement contest for ADV riders.

Previews of extra-special 2021 Weekend Events.

But first a quick look back on 2020, a year that will be impossible to forget. We could sum it up from the motorcycling perspective as a bitter disappointment – the squandered summer weekends and foregone memories as we scribbled out more calendar dates month by month. However, 2020 wasn't a total loss, and as with all difficult times some good

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qualities emerged. As in our other aspects of life, we learned new ways to adapt and keep connected, to remain resilient. And did you feel this too – at club events there seemed to be a heightened appreciation for the simple joy of being together with like-minded folks. I personally forged several new club friendships this year that I look forward to carrying forward into 2021. On the flip side, some members found the new social-distancing phenomenon perfectly agreeable! I'm reminded of a humorous Instagram post, one of many memes from member Greg Hintz (greg.hintz.7): "When this virus is over, I still want some of you to stay away from me."

I'm grateful to all the MTBMWR members that put together the activities, events, and products that bring our members together. I'm fortunate to work alongside colleagues like Dave McCormack, Mark Johnson, Lance Lerum and Dick French, happily tackling the mainly-unnoticed chores behind the scenes. This year **Phil Haglund** deserves special mention for hosting another great weekend of riding in the Little Belts, and thereby establishing a template and standard that we can follow for similar events. Dick has done the same with the newsletter, our essential communication tool, raising the bar yet higher again this year. I'm thankful for the regular informative and entertaining newsletter columns scripted by Kevin and Annie Huddy, Tom Moe, Larry Banister, and Dave, plus all of you who contributed the terrific articles, photos, and trip maps that fill the newsletter pages. A second doffing of the cap to Larry for donning the hats of Election Officer and Mileage Maestro. I'm very appreciative of the growing number of businesses that sponsor the club. And I'm grateful in advance for all those who are busily developing the club programming for a terrific year ahead. Let's plan to open up that throttle wide in 2021!

Chris Keyes

**President,
Montana BMW Riders**



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Secretary - Treasure's Column - Dave McCormack



Theoretically, this column should confine itself to just club financials and policy decisions. However, having been with this group of crazy riders for over 15 years, I feel like I know most of you and would prefer to have a conversation with you the same as we might have at a meeting.

Covid... I got it as did my lovely wife. We've been home, quarantined since the 16th of the month. We've only threatened each other with death a couple of times. But we've been blessed with wonderful friends and family who keep us reminded that this too shall pass. Plus, we are on a Gatorade diet because Doctors are suggesting that low sodium levels allow the virus easier entry. At one point I was in the hospital but after two days, they had to boot me out

for lack of bed space. I actually think recovering at home was better anyway. Fridge, toilet and TV all handy without asking permission.

Wear a mask? I don't think I got COVID from a mask wearing person. I got it from someone who didn't wear a mask at the grocery store, didn't wash their hands and touched more than they bought.

The treasury is filling up with renewals, advertisers, new and old getting on board for 2021, and improvements coming in a number of areas...including a new website, membership cards and discounts and the undying gratitude of club officers and staff for your continuing support of club activities in these most difficult times.

The ride calendar will not look the same as most years, next year. Covid is the driving problem for us. We are taking the conservative approach and assuming that restrictions will still be in place throughout all of 2021. That means restaurants are not going to be on the schedule unless they have space, staff and distancing sufficient to protect our members. What it does mean is that we will have some fun at picnics, parks and arena venues where we can spread out, have walking around conversations and eating whatever you bring or locally purchase. This may actually create some pressure on motorcycle accessory folks to come up with more packable chairs, cold food storage on bikes, and other ways to carry a decent meal without having wilted lettuce sandwiches.

I personally need a higher chair than those low-slung lawn chairs. I can get in but not out. I also need one what will fit on the passenger seat or pack down in a saddle bag. I'll entertain any ideas on that score.

Too bad about canceling the Christmas Party but the obvious answer is that it was too concentrated in Missoula; we could not do a buffet under Covid conditions; and it was time to re-look at Christmas party for a membership that is equally populated on both sides of the divide. We'll look at doing something this summer during riding season to acknowledge our vast membership in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon and Canada.

Drink electrolytes!

Dave McCormack



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Tom Moe - 33028 BMW MOA Regional Coordinator



Well darn it, I didn't win the **one ticket and you pick it BMW motorcycle** of my dreams lottery. Some fellow by the name of Joe Berry won. Congratulations to him. I ponder which BMW motorcycle I would have selected. Most likely a new RT and sell the older one or keep one in MT and one in CA. But perhaps I might have gone for a K1600GT just to get the most expensive model. I have not ridden one but have a friend who is a big fan. I might also have thought seriously about a F850GS. It is fun to speculate. I expect the foundation raised a fair amount of money and I find these lotteries to be fun to participate in and worthwhile to raise funds for the foundation.

IT'S TIME TO SWITCH TO THE ANONYMOUS APP!

Change can be difficult, especially when longstanding traditions are in flux. As our world makes a quantum shift from analog to digital, the BMW Motorcycle Owners of America is doing its best to keep up with change without leaving anybody behind.

Part of how it is changing at the MOA involves the Anonymous Book, long held up as one of the biggest and best benefits of being an MOA member. Lost? Broken down? Don't know where the best food in town is? Crack open your Anonymous Book, make a couple phone calls, and get the information, help or guidance you need.

MOA has expanded the Anonymous Book into the digital world, creating the Anonymous app for all BMW MOA members. It serves the same purposes as the physical book, but leverages modern technology to put the information you need at your fingertips on your smartphone or tablet. Whether you're using iOS or Android, the Anonymous app is there for you!

In addition, the Anonymous app will be updated regularly, not only ensuring you have access to the freshest Anonymous listings, but MOA is adding more to the app all the time. Soon it will contain your own membership information - a digital Membership Card - and enable you to renew your membership quickly and easily. MOA is also working on adding the most up-to-date motorcycling news to the app, a feature they are pretty excited about. Both of these changes will be in place in the Anonymous app before the end of 2020.

Starting January 1, 2021, the default option for the Anonymous info will be with the app - download and login instructions will be included with each new member packet sent out. However, MOA is committed to sending a paper copy of the Anonymous Book to every MOA member who still wants one. All you need to do to continue receiving the paper copy is fill out and return the card enclosed in your November 2020 BMW Owners News, between pages 16 and 17.

Add Your Information to the Anonymous Book!

The BMW Owners Anonymous Book is a fantastic resource for BMW riders, but it's a lot more valuable if you're included! To add a listing to the 2021 edition, simply check the box below, mark the services you could provide in a time of need and return the card before **December 31, 2020**.

Paper, Mobile App or Both? We're making an effort to go digital and reduce the number of printed copies of the Anonymous Book. Every BMW MOA member can download and use the Anonymous Book mobile app. If you prefer a printed copy of the Anonymous Book in 2021, simply check the box below and return this card before December 31, 2020. Returning the card will guarantee you receive the latest edition of the Anonymous Book in the Spring mailing. For more information about our effort to go digital, visit bmwmoa.org/news/517216/

Yes, I want to be listed in the 2021 BMW Owners Anonymous Book

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Yes, I prefer a printed copy of the 2021 BMW Owners Anonymous Book

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- ss - storage space
- t - truck or trailer available
- ws - space to work on motorcycle
- wt - working tools

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The process is easy: Fill in your name and MOA number and check the box at the bottom of the card for "Yes, I prefer a printed copy of the 2021 BMW Owners Anonymous Book. Put a stamp on the other side and drop it in the mail, making sure they receive your card before the end of 2020. MOA will take care of the rest, adding you to the list of paper copy recipients for 2021.

The MOA also encourages everybody to participate in the Anonymous program by checking the *other* Yes box, as in "Yes, I want to be listed in the 2021 BMW Owners Anonymous Book." Then take a second to add the codes corresponding to the help you're willing to offer other MOA members. Don't forget to add your preferred contact phone number as well! Whether it's just coffee and conversation (kk) or a willingness to offer mechanical assistance (d, m, p, t, ws or wt), it's the MOA membership making the Anonymous one of the great strengths of the club.

You can also update this information online, by [VISITING BMWMOA.ORG AND UPDATING YOUR PROFILE](https://www.bmwmoa.org). If you need help logging in, just contact the main office and they will get you squared away!

The 2021 BMW MOA Getaway Events and Rally Dates have been set. The registration will go live on or about December 1, 2020 so you can begin to plan your trips. Obviously, some of these are far far way but would certainly be interesting to visit and talk about adding up the miles for the annual mileage contest. I would sure love to attend many of them.

- Getaway at Orange Beach, AL, opening date 2/12/21 – Island House Hotel
- Getaway at Fontana, NC, opening date 4/23/21 – Fontana Village Lodge
- Getaway at Coeur d'Alene, ID, opening date 5/7/21 – The Coeur d'Alene Resort
- Getaway at Los Osos, CA opening date 5/14/21 – Sea Pines Resort
- Getaway at Dillard, GA, opening date 5/21/21 – TBD
- Getaway at Santa Fe, NM, opening date 5/21/21 – TBD
- **BMWMOA National Rally, Great Falls, MT, opening date 6/24/21 – Montana State Expo Park**
- Getaway at Skytop, Skytop, PA – opening date 7/30/20 – Skytop Lodge Resort
- Getaway at Copper Mountain, CO – opening date 8/20/21 – Copper Mountain Resort
- Getaway at Guelph, Ontario – opening date 8/20/21 – Delta Hotels Guelph Conference Center
- Getaway at Sun Peaks, BC – opening date 9/3/21 – Sun Peaks Lodge
- Getaway at Cedar City, UT – opening date 9/10/21 – Courtyard Cedar City
- Getaway at Pine Mountain, KY – opening date 9/10/21 – Pine Mountain State Park
- Getaway at Sugarbush, VT – opening date 9/17/21 – Sugarbush Resort
- Getaway at Tomah, WI – opening date 10/1/21 – Cranberry Country Lodge
- Getaway at Kerrville, TX – opening date 10/22/21 – Inn of the Hills

Ride safe, keep the rubber side down -

Tom Moe

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BMW AMBASSADORS - Kevin and Annie Huddy



Today we checked the weather, 45 degrees, sunny, winds at 5-8mph. Sounded great!

Off we go on the Urals, heading out over Flesher Pass to Lincoln for a burger at the Pit Stop. I was beginning to wonder about what was happening to all my power(every single bit of that 45 hp) but figured it was all uphill and not the BMW. Since it is always my job to find places of interest on rides I thought we could even stop by the art forest display for a bit of culture. This lovely display is located just east of downtown metropolitan Lincoln. Also made a mental note to get fuel in Lincoln.

Alas, as we crested the divide at the top of Flesher Pass, reality set in. We did hop off the Urals for the obligatory photo and were nearly pushed off the hill- the winds were sustained at 25-30 mph, gusting upwards, there was no warm sun, and there were teeny tiny white particles falling out of a massively ominous dark cloud on the back side of Flesher in the vicinity of Lincoln. Just the direction we were headed.

A brief discussion ensued.

And like all good, smart adventure riders, we chose the better part of valor. We beat feet back down the pass and headed for the barn. Which is where we received the severe weather notification.

The return trip was amazingly quick for a Ural with the wind pushing from behind.

Cornering was epic!

Were we crazy to go? Probably not. Did we do our due diligence with regard to the weather? Definitely not. So lesson learned, check the radar and check the forecast again prior to departure. It's easy to dismiss the fact it's winter when there's very little snow and the sun is shining!

There are several apps for weather-download one with a good radar set. NOAA has several, Accuweather is another one. Between us we have six different weather sites we use on our smart phones. Now all we need to do is check them!

We have much to be thankful for even in this crazy year of Covid. Find your thankful.

The Holiday season is upon us and we wish you and yours Joy, good health, and safe riding!

Annie



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BMW AMBASSADORS - Kevin and Annie Huddy (continued)

For Your Information:

Chaparral (ChapMoto.com) is running a sale on Dunlop TrailSmart Tires. They are a dual sport tire but more street than dirt oriented. Annie and I have been running a pair for about 4,500 miles and are very pleased with them. The tires that on sale are 2-3 years old, hence the sale.

A rear tire is on sale for \$38-\$70 and are normally \$246-\$280.

- <https://www.chapmoto.com/dunlop-trailsmart-dual-sport-radial-rear-tire-parent-331-16tf07>

Front tires are on sale for \$39-\$60 and are normally \$223-\$226.

- <https://www.chapmoto.com/dunlop-trailsmart-dual-sport-radial-front-tire-parent-331-16tf06>

On sale a set of tires for a R1200GS LC costs \$100. The set was selling for around \$500.


Sale has been ongoing, so supplies may be limited, or sold out.



Additional Information:

I asked **Ted Porter of The BeemerShop (831-438-1100)** if he has plans to offer rebuildable driveshafts for the R1200GS/A liquid cooled bikes. He said he will and expects to have them in the next few weeks. No word on price yet, but he has offered driveshafts for the earlier model R1200GS/A for \$650. The non-rebuildable OE driveshaft costs \$1,256.

Kevin




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Mileage Contest - Larry Banister



Montana BMW mileage riders!! Greetings....as I write this I'm looking forward to Thanksgiving and trust you are too. Our famous Montana BMW Riders drum and bugle corps has been put on hold as it appears their personal appearance at the annual Christmas party is cancelled. Since we won't have the opportunity to announce our 2020 mileage contest winners live with our pyrotechnic presentation at our 2020 Christmas party, we're planning on option "B". In my last conversation with *El Presidente* Chris Keys, he indicated he's in the process of getting an on-line Zoom Christmas party organized. We will be making a LIVE presentation during the Zoom Christmas Party of our 2020 contest winners! As we have done in the past, winners will receive checks from the club....\$75 for the overall winner, \$50 for the "average rider" and \$50 for the name drawn live at the party from the remaining official participants. Checks will be placed in the mail to the winners and I will published the overall contest matrix in the January newsletter which will show the official participants, each ones' mileage, the average miles and the winners.

It has been a pleasure to keep the contest alive this season and even though the announced results will be a bit different than years past, we none-the-less have preserved because of each of you who have participated. Thanks so much. Hopefully next year will bring a more "normal" year and we can all re-engage with more certainty. I look forward to seeing at our Zoom party and thanks again for making this contest work!

Larry Banister



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Fly and Ride - Paul Oliver and Mike Kreikemeier



In a previous Newsletter issue, we did an article on **Paul Oliver** (left) and **Mike Kreikemeier** (right) on their fly and ride adventures, flying their dual sport motorcycles into wilderness landing strips to camp and ride. I called them recently to see how they were handling 'social distancing.'



They may have taken the idea to the extreme. Each flew their own aircraft, both loaded with at least one electric bicycle to a wilderness air strip in the Moab region of Utah. There, they camped, rode and social distanced like no other person would believe. Below are photos taken by **Paul Oliver**, and the narrative also provided by Paul. *Editor*



Paul's electric bicycle on a dirt road(?), loaded as if he plans to stay awhile. *(No word on how the batteries were charged, but I'm betting there is a foldable solar panel stuffed in the cargo area of his Cessna aircraft. Editor)*



The camp site with Paul's aircraft in the foreground, Mike's plane, and then, the Henry Mountains in the distance.



That small spec in the center of the photo is **Mike Kreikemeier** taking off from his favorite Utah strip, known for its challenging shortness, width (lack-there-of) and the surrounding vertical walls. The San Rafael river surfaces here in a bend from being in a slot canyon before and after, hence the cotton wood groves.

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Rider Profile - Mike Meredith



Mike Meredith was recognized in the **November BMW Owners News** for achieving the 400,000-mile goal on BMW motorcycles. Mike was born in Seattle where his father, who was in the Navy worked in the Bremerton Naval Shipyard just prior to the end of WWII. Upon his discharge, the family returned to their roots in Fort Benton near the ranch where his father grew up. Mike was five years old at the time. The family left Fort Benton and moved to a farm near Cut Bank for a year and then returned to Fort Benton where Mike completed his schooling. Mike's extracurricular activities of sports, and music, provided the foundation to enroll in Rocky Mountain College, Billings. Football, basketball, and music (choir) scholarships helped fund his degree in education. The choir was selected as the Best Choir in the Northwest and was selected to perform at the 1964 World's Fair in New York City. His professional career in education led him to teaching posts in Inverness, Fort Benton, Polson, Miles City and, eventually Helena in a school nominally know as Project for Alternative Learning – schools for kids at risk of not finishing their high school education. Mike became the director of the school in Helena.

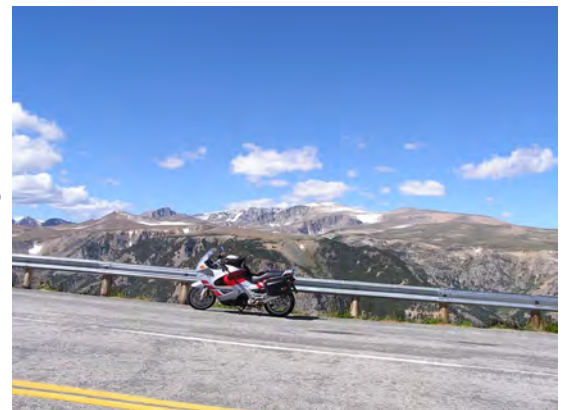
Mike had a few rides on motor scooters and motorcycles as kid, but it was not until he was working on a master's degree that the 'bug' bit him. A summer job as an insurance adjuster for crop damage found him near Winifred, Montana contemplating how to get from the farmhouse across a large wheat field to the damage area, and not damage more of the crop. The farmer offered him a saddle horse, which is about as far down Mikes dislike list as you can go. The other alternative was one of two Yamaha dirt bikes. After assessing the damage, and time to kill, why not just ride around for a while. Mike did not even have to wait for the 225-mile drive back to Helena, he decided then and there he had to have one of those two-wheelers.



Soon a 1975 Kawasaki KH400 two-cycle three cylinders, found its way into his possession. The rationale – what better way to commute from Helena to Dillon where he was pursuing his master's degree in education and counseling. The 130-mile commute garnered riding experience quickly. What followed was a Yamaha Virgo 750 and then a 1983 Honda Gold Wing, that Mike laments as his long ride touring bike. One of Mike's other passions was golfing. He found the wide body over the hard side bags of the Gold Wing was a perfect place to tie a bag of golf clubs. And if a distant golf course was his destination – no problem – room for camping

gear. He credits Dal Smiley, a long time Montana motorcyclist for introducing him to motorcycle touring. One memorable ride, loading the golf clubs and camping gear to a course in Redding, California.

It was a visit to his daughter in Tacoma, Washington in 1994 that started the BMW string of rides. A 1990 K100LT at the local BMW dealers was to find its way Mike's garage, through a protracted negotiation. It was not until Mike returned to Montana that an agreement was reached, then a train ride back to Tacoma to ride his new purchase home. This one carried Mike nearly 100,000 miles starting him on the path that got the recent recognition for 400,000 miles.



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Rider Profile - Mike Meredith (continued)

As his rides became longer, not even Montana provided enough room. The southwest – Moab and Durango were destinations. In 2001 he and a group of fellow riders trailed their bikes to Mesquite, Nevada in January to start a ride about northern Mexico. In 2006, a group used the Montana January–February time to make their way back to Mexico, ferrying their bikes across the Gulf of California to the Baja Peninsula to ride down and then up to return to the US. This became the routine for four years. In 2003 Mike, along with fellow club member Dan Mainwaring and two others toured Alaska for three weeks, with Mike reaching the Arctic Circle.



Mike is quick to point out, rider training has been a big part of his riding career, having completed, and some repeats of the Motorcycle Safety Foundation courses. Although an accomplished rider with hundreds of thousands of miles behind him, it was a track day at Willow Springs International Motorsports Park that provided a valuable lesson - a rider is not as good as they think they are, and your bike can perform far beyond most rider's skills.

As his far away touring became less, he set about to ride every paved road in Montana. With a map on the garage wall, a felt tip pen and series of BMW's, he achieved that goal. He has been stalwart competitor in the club's annual riding contests, achieving the Café to Café trophy recently.

The BMWs that carried him to the 400,000-mile goal were, a 1997 R100RT, a 2002 R1150GS, a 2010 F800ST and his current ride, a 2009 R1200R. His favorite was the ride he had at the time.

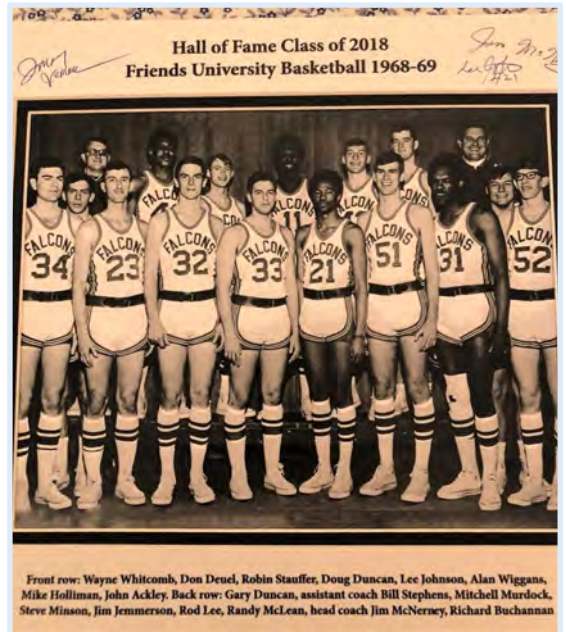


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Rider Profile - Don Deuel



Number 23 is **Don Deuel**, a mere 51 years ago at Friends University, a private non-denominational Christian university in Wichita, Kansas. Don arrived at Friends after a four-year-four-month stint in the U. S. Navy and a year at the College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls, where he also was on the varsity basketball team. He proudly remembers he played under



Front row: Wayne Whitcomb, Don Deuel, Robin Stauffer, Doug Duncan, Lee Johnson, Alan Wiggins, Mike Holliman, John Ackley. Back row: Gary Duncan, assistant coach Bill Stephens, Mitchell Murdock, Steve Minson, Jim Jemerson, Rod Lee, Randy McLean, head coach Jim McNerney, Richard Buchanan

(Eddie) Sutton who went on to become a Hall of Fame coach at Division I colleges. Don noted the College of Sothern Idaho school's athletics were free lance, not part of any conference, so took on any team that would suit up for them. One of their wins was Montana State College, my alma mater. They ended their 1966-67 season 33 and 2, which got them an invitation to the AAU Tournament in Socorro, New Mexico. There they won the District AAU Tournament by beating a team consisting of players from Texas El Paso who had won the NCAA National Tournament. This was the same Texas El Paso team that was the basis of the movie, *Glory Road* in 2006. Don's team then advanced to the National AAU Tournament, but did not make it to the semi-finals.

Don was born in Fertile, Iowa a small farming community in the north-central part of the state. When he was six years old, his family relocated to Wichita, Kansas where his father was employed in the aircraft industry. He completed high school in Wichita, joining the Navy immediately after graduation. In the Navy, he was stationed at NAS Lemoore, California and NAS Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Each command had a basketball team. It did not take long for them find that tall Petty Officer 3rd Class Personnel Specialist and ensure he was on that command's team.

With a degree in education, he coached middle schoolers for seven years and then two years of high school coaching in Wichita. In the process, he played semi-pro on teams sponsored by the oil companies in the oil patch area of Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

Don moved to Pueblo, Colorado in 1977, worked in the trucking industry in customer service, sales and management. This seemed to mark the start of his motorcycle career, riding a lot in the surrounding area on a 1977 Suzuki 750, a Harley Davidson and a Honda Shadow, that accumulated 190,000 miles before he sold in after moving to Arlee.

He moved to Arlee, Montana in 1996, continued in the trucking business working for Jim Palmer Trucking and kept his hand in basketball coaching as a volunteer in the local schools.



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Although motorcycling entered his life style while in Pueblo , it was his move to Arlee that launched the touring style. Starting with a 1993 Gold Wing, Don’s garage has had four other Gold Wings including his current 2019. We did a rider profile on Don and his fellow Gold Wing rider, **Greg Hintz** in the December 2018 issue of the Newsletter. At that time he estimated he had ridden over 800,000 miles, and now is about 54,000 miles short of the million mile mark, a goal he hopes to reach on his current Gold Wing in the next two years.

You can find the Rider Profile on Don and Greg in the **December 2018** issue on our website, www.mtbmwriders.org, or simply search for “Montana BMW Riders”.



Along with being an active riding member of the MONTANA BMW RIDERS club, he participates in the Goldwing Road Riders Association (GWRRA), American Motorcycle Association (AMA), Iron Butt Association (IBA) and, the Southern California Motorcycling Association (SCMA). From the looks of his family tree— two daughters, three granddaughters, two grandsons, one great granddaughter and one great grandson - there is bound to be some Deuel off-spring on motorcycles for a long time.

Editor



Don seated on the Honda Shadow.

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Three Wheeler Corner



SIDECARS - The motorized equivalent of that crazy uncle who shows up at a family gathering. (anonymous)



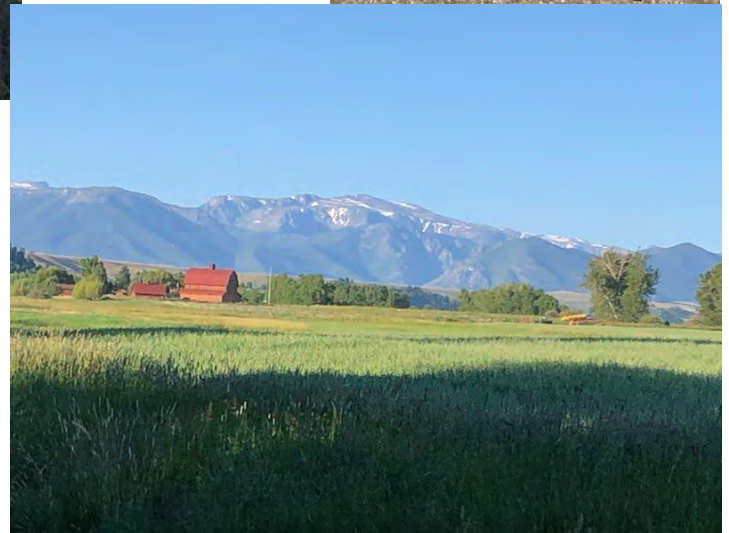
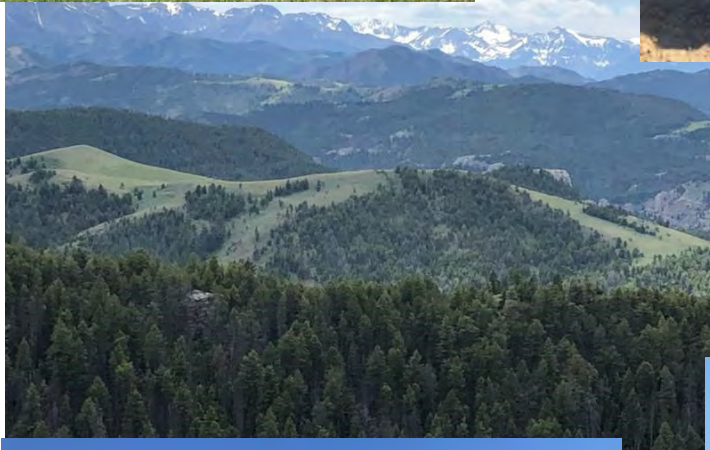
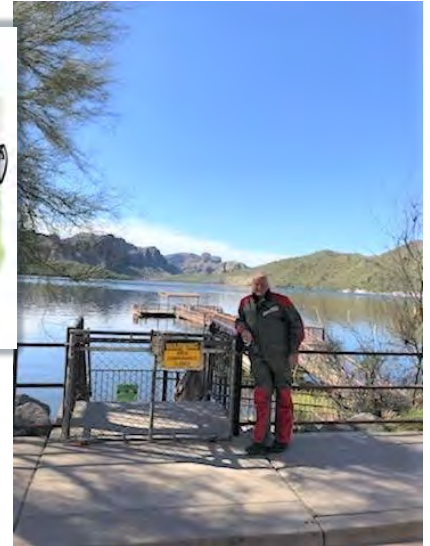
"Ken and I mounted a couple of tires for his Ural yesterday at my place. I think I may not have things back together just right."

Kevin Huddy

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Photos From the Road

As has been said many times before, 2020 is like no other year in living memory, especially for motorcyclist. In that vein several of you have made the best of the circumstances that have been thrust upon us. These are photos from the road that demonstrate that trait.



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Historian - Kim Lemke

Kim, as the Club Historian, has kept my files plied with 'historic' photos, sometimes referred to as old photos. Sometimes it is just satisfying to look at old photos, where the then 'new' bikes look old, and the 'old' riders looked young. Here are some that meet the criteria. - Editor



BMW R60/5 Baltimore, MD— 1992



REGT Missoula April 2015



Pre 1970 BMW R60—Antique MC Club, Great Falls (Year unknown)



BMW R100S November 1991, Baltimore, MD



Virginia City, Montana

VIRGINIA CITY, MT
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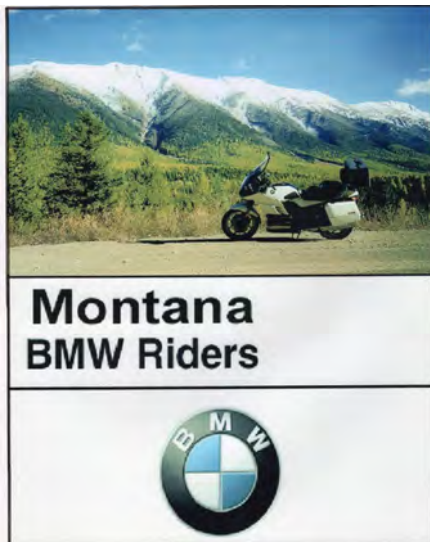
Historian - Kim Lemke



BMW R75/7—Summer 2014



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To Magruder Corridor behind the riders, to Shoup, Idaho ahead.



K100 somewhere in the Swan Valley



Pineola
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6/27/92



BMW 1977 R75/7 (New)
Yes, that is Kim Lemke

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Helena Area Rides - 2021



Ken Conrad

In the November 2020, edition of the Newsletter, Mike Hofferber and I announced our idea to put together a multiple day ride event in the Helena area next summer. The article in the newsletter outlined the general concept and description of the ride.

On November 7th Dick French forwarded to the membership, a message I had sent to him describing our progress with the plans. The dates for the event (July 29, 30, 31, August 1) at that

time had not yet been finalized. At that time there were 12 MONTANA BMW RIDERS Club members who had contacted Mike to commit to attending.

At present (11/26/20) I'm pleased to say that we have 22 members who have committed to the event, and the dates are now definite: **Thursday, July 29, through Sunday, August 1.**

Mike has contacted **Jorgenson's Inn and Suites** and has secured a block of rooms for our riders at a reduced rate (\$75, plus tax), to include a complimentary, cooked to order, hot breakfast (not just your basic motel continental breakfast). Jorgenson's restaurant is on-site. The blocked rooms are in a part of the facility that has outside opening room doors so you are able to park at the door to your room.

The motel is also working on a special dinner menu for us, possibly at a reduced price compared to their normal dinner menu. Jorgenson's restaurant has a dining area large enough to accommodate us and will designate and reserve a specific part of the dining room for our use so we will all be able to gather together as a group.

Call **Jorgenson's, 402-442-1770, to make your room reservations.** The rooms are blocked under "BMW Motorcycle Adventure, Mike Hofferber".

As I mentioned in last month's Newsletter, the suggested routes will not be limited to only dual sport non-paved roads. There will also be routes appropriate for those riders who prefer to ride pavement. Generally, there will be routes that are: all paved; some pavement/a little gravel or dirt; a little more dirt/some pavement; a little paved/mostly dirt or gravel. Something for all interests.

As we get closer to the event, Mike and I will continue to plan the routes, and will obtain maps, and/or copies of portions of forest service maps, appropriate to the areas we will ride. There are quite a number of members who ride with GPS or phone app-based navigation assistance. These navigation aids will be useful as well.

This looks like it will be a fun event. I'm pleased with the progress we've made so far in putting the foundation in place.

A big thank you to all who have already committed to this event. The earlier we can get all the details firmed up the better. Please contact **Mike (mike.hofferber@gmail.com)** as soon as you can to add your name to the list. Please include your preference of type of route you prefer to ride, and if you are planning to stay at Jorgenson's with the group.



Mike Hofferber

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Helena Area Rides - 2021 (continued)

Also, and for those of you who have already committed to the ride, please advise Mike when you have made your room reservations.

Oh, and something else....

In the email that Dick forwarded (see above) I included a picture of the Boulder end of the **Boulder/Wickes Tunnel**, which is a point of interest on one of the suggested routes for next summer's ride.

I included the following disclaimer: "**Attached is a little teaser of one of the routes. The other end of the tunnel looks just as, ah, "interesting"**. Are we suggesting you ride through the tunnel? Definitely not. Although I do know of a few folks who have. And the stories they (lived to) tell."

I have been advised (by my little voice) that I should probably add to that disclaimer, and reiterate that we are in no way suggesting you attempt to ride through the tunnel. Attached to this article I have included a picture of the entrance to the tunnel, that was taken last Spring.

It might be my imagination, but it appears to me the entrance to the tunnel is guarded by The Grim Reaper. You? And, I'm not real sure what caused the discoloration on the ice at his feet...

I think there just might be a message there...

We'll have more information on the Helena Ride - '21 in following Newsletters.

Ride Well.

Ken Conrad and Mike Hofferber



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.....and you thought I only rode Winnebago roads.... *Editor*



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2020 Ride & Meeting Schedule (Revised 1 July 2020)

Month	Date	Location	Venue	Day	Time
 January	18th	Seely Lake	Double Arrow Lodge	Saturday	1:00 PM
 February	23rd	Drummond	Wagon Wheel	Sunday	1:00 PM
 March	15th	Lincoln	Lambkins	Sunday	1:00 PM
April	19th	Townsend	The Mint	Sunday	1:00 PM
TBD	TBD	Helena	Huddy's Outpost	Saturday	All Day
 May	17th	Phillipsburg	Winninghoff Park	Sunday	Noon
 June	20th	Big Fork	Echo Lake Café	Saturday	1:00 PM
June	27th	Great Falls	BMW Rally Beer Tent	Saturday	1:00 PM
 July	26th	White Sulphur Springs	Snook's Diner	Sunday	1:00 PM
 August	16th	Wisdom	The Crossings at Fetty's	Sunday	1:00 PM
 September	13th	Ennis	Sportsman's Lodge	Sunday	1:00 PM
 October	18th	Ovando	Trixi's Antler Saloon	Sunday	1:00 PM
November	15th	Avon	Avon Café	Sunday	1:00 PM
Christmas Party	To be rescheduled				
	To be rescheduled				

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AUTHORITY FOR SALE: 1997 BMW R1100RT-P

Special MTBMWR price: \$2,500 firm

Traffic slows and eases over to the right as you approach from behind aboard this glossy black and silver road missile. According to the PO, I'm the 3rd owner of this single-spark 5-speed oilhead since its retirement from the Oregon State Police. Acquired in 2011 with 98,274 miles; current mileage is 122,795. A 3-ring binder of all my maintenance records comes with the bike. The few repairs were done by either John Munch's Motorcycle Werks or Big Sky Motorsports. I'm parting ways with this sexy beast because logic has defeated passion: I enjoy my R1200GSA too much, and I need garage space for a bike lift.



The police model has the standard R1100RT stuff (heated grips; power windshield; ABS) but is better in several wonderful ways: 1) glorious spoked wheels; 2) 18" front wheel versus the standard 17" (ride up over curbs in pursuit of miscreants); 3) integrated locked radio box in lieu of a rear seat (no passengers); 4) European switchgear and lighting settings - on/off/running; 5) precision speedometer; 6) BMW Comfort Seat ('comfort' meh, but it is wide); 7) 50-amp alternator; and 8) special front subframe w/ hardpoints. Upgrades/FARKLE's include: handlebar barbacs; LED driving lights; and AF-XiED O2 sensor manipulator to fine tune the air/fuel mixture. Comes with side cases, the original police light bar (though it doesn't fit over standard cases), plus a can of miscellaneous bits and pieces.

Chris Keyes; crkeyes@icloud.com; 406-529-5454

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Fellow MTBMWR members:

I have for sale a 2007 F650GS. This motorcycle was purchased from Annie and Kevin Huddy in the Fall of 2017. Approximately 21,500 miles. I don't have the actual mileage as I write this. It's in the back of my garage, covered, with a few other motorcycles I seldom ride - those of you who have seen my "fleet" will understand - and would require me to move about four or five bikes to access it, but 21,500 is an accurate estimate.

Brenda bought the motorcycle after having completed both the Basic Rider Course, and the Advanced Rider Course. At the time she had previously ridden only as a passenger. She is one of those people you occasionally encounter who are a natural; she rides intuitively well, and she did great in both classes, especially the ARC. Some very experienced riders in the ARC commented that they were surprised she was a new rider. Annie Huddy was not using her F650GS and offered to sell it to Brenda.

Brenda rides it quite proficiently, but has ridden the bike very little. She frankly does not enjoy riding on the street in today's traffic environment, so has decided to sell it.

The Huddy's purchased the motorcycle new when they were living in Fairbanks. It has many functional additions, nicely and sanely equipped as one would expect of a motorcycle owned by them. It has the "Low Frame Option", BMW "Premium Package", ABS, center stand, Jesse bags, Corbin saddle, aftermarket windscreen, aux lighting, engine/radiator/center stand protection, hand guards, heated grips, etc. These are but a few of the additions that sold us on buying the motorcycle. It literally required me to do nothing to make it into a competent travelling machine. In keeping with the previous owner's meticulous record keeping, there is a 2-1/2 inch thick (I measured it - grin) 3-ring binder, well organized with records of all the additional equipment, and maintenance records. There are no mechanical issues; the bike is in good condition, needs nothing.

Brenda paid \$5,200 for it, and would sell it for \$4,750, which I believe is a reasonable and fair price, especially considering the bike's history, low miles, and how well it's equipped.

Please contact me for additional information and details. I would consider delivering the motorcycle within a reasonable distance from Helena.

Thanks.

Ken Conrad

East Helena

kcaf47@gmail.com



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ADVERTISING RATES 2020-2021

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Full Page	\$100.00
Half Page	\$ 75.00
Quarter Page	\$ 50.00
Business Card	\$ 25.00

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Half Page	\$ 37.00
Quarter Page	\$ 13.00
Business Card	\$ 10.00

Artwork must be provided by advertiser in JPEG, TIFF or JNP format.

Artwork changes during an advertising year, will cost \$25 each change.

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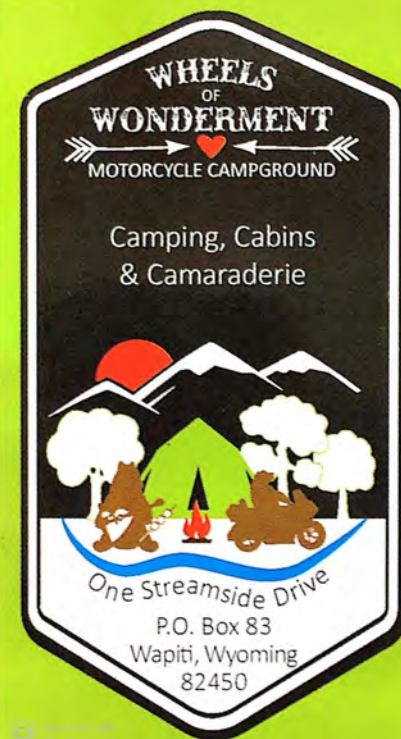
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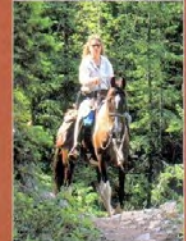
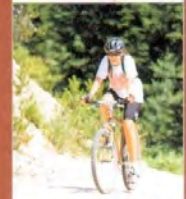
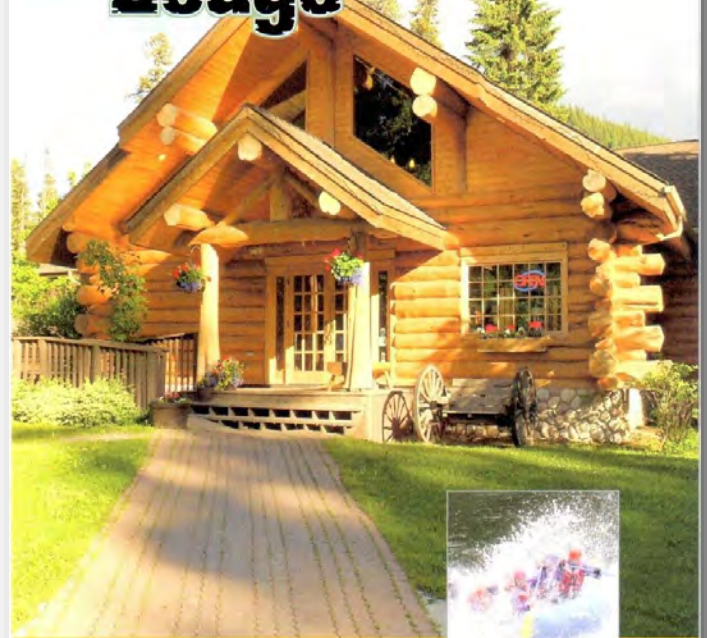
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