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President's Corner



Is it just me, or is this winter gently rolling right along? It's sure been a pretty mild one, not a good season for snowblower and snow shovel sales I suppose. But it has presented decent opportunities for those hardy folks who like to unplug the battery tender, plug in the heated vest, shake a fist at Old Man Winter, and blast out of the garage in a noisy repudiation of winter hibernation rules. Cannot say I've noticed any evidence of these folks out on the roads, but Kim Lemke sent a note and a photo of his K100RS, saying that he had been out aboard it during the first and last days of January. That sounds like a darn good start to the new year. I wonder how many other people are getting out and about for those mid-winter joyrides? Or trailering southward to find them in warmer climes? John DiBari had the gall to send me a text announcing his unabashed indulgence in the latter, along with photographic evidence of his Suzuki rental bike beneath an Arizona blue sky.

I confess that I haven't been doing a whole lot of interesting stuff myself worth reporting. With son Wyatt dragging us through the dreaded college applications business this winter (sure will be content once that uncertainty is over), Lisa and I are finding plenty of reasons to stick around home and few compelling reasons to leave it. But we finally did get out of town last weekend, heading over to Philipsburg with Wyatt to enjoy some skating on the public ice rink. A hot pastrami sandwich and fries at Doe Brothers; a stroll around town; a couple pounds of fudge, taffy, and penny candy at The Sweet Palace; and an afternoon spent carving up the rink. Add in some brilliant sunshine, the sight of local kids sledging down the hill behind the rink, and the hilarity of our Labrador puppy on ice for the first time, and that's about as nice a January day as you can spend in Montana.

Looking ahead, I have a new calendar on the wall but am still unconvinced that this year is an upgrade from the previous one. If 2020 was the year that made Orwell's *1984* seem like an instructional manual, then 2021 seems to be shaping up as the year of *Beckett's Waiting for Godot*. After all the initial enthusiasm over the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines passing their clinical trials, we now seem to be in the 'hurry up and wait' phase. At least for those of us in the under-70 crowd, it could be a long phase. At present, Missoula County is receiving just 1,500 vaccines per week and they only recently moved on to begin Phase 1b. I am down in the Phase 1c demographic. With almost 40,000 Missoula County residents to vaccinate in Phase 1b, unless the supply of vaccines jumps significantly, it could another five or six months before I am even eligible to stand in line. That does not make me feel too optimistic about participating in much of the MTBMWriders summer club programming. I may have to read the club newsletter in order to keep abreast of early summer events like Huddy Tech Day in May and the BMW MOA National Rally in June. Good Lord, I sure hope that is not the case!

To make matters worse, the Patriots failed to make the NFL playoffs for just the third time in two decades and the first time since 2008, so I have been subjected to watching strange teams that I did not even know existed. Talk about adding insult to injury! I guess I will just watch this young feller playing quarterback for Tampa Bay, he seems like he has got some promise.

So, hey 2021: thanks for the mild winter weather, but let's get cracking on that vaccine distribution. I have got a lot of riding to do and a lot of people to see this year.

Chris Keyes.

President, Montana BMW Riders

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Secretary - Treasure's Column - Dave McCormack



Traditionally, we have carried membership from last year through the first 3 months of the following year. We will, given the COVID-19 crisis, continue that tradition for 2021. Because we have no meetings scheduled for the 1st three months, we've made it difficult for you to deliver cash in person at a meeting. So, you will need to remember to write a check, spend money on postage and an envelope (approximately \$1.00) to make sure you are a member in good standing for the year 2021.

Checks should be made out to **MT BMW RIDERS**, 18 Lone Pine Trail, Hamilton, MT 59840.

This year we are issuing a simple membership card to each paid up member. That card can be used with our advertisers if there are specials or discounts available. Certainly, there is a discount for paid up members at Big Sky Motorsports, one of our big sponsors. There is an incentive then to get your dues in if you're thinking of making a trip down to Big Sky Motorsports to purchase a bike, buy some needed gear, or get some maintenance done.

Another reason to make sure you're on the club master list soon, is that all contests, announced and still in development, will begin April 1st. They will be open only to current members.

Huzzahs!!! to Lance Lerum for his outstanding work in putting together a new and fresh website for the club. He has done a masterful job.

On another note...this winter has been the dreariest one I can remember. I've actually caught myself yelling at no one in particular about 'come on, man, give us some snow, dang it'. I'm now more worried that my pleas might deliver snow right in the middle of April or May. If it hadn't been so darn cold, freezing that is, we could have been riding this past month.

I did get about 150 miles in in January, but only to charge up the battery. My bike lives in an unheated, unelectric, waterless storage unit down the street (we over-dimensioned- the smaller house won't accommodate a bike in the garage and Sue said no bikes in the living room... booooo!) so that's what I do to keep the charge up. I know a lot of you out there are chanting, "poor baby" because your storage circumstances are worse than mine (a tarp over the bike parked outside all winter, for instance).

So, I'm working on an idea about mounting a solar panel, undetected, on the roof of the storage unit. The wiring will snake its way down to my 1.25 amp trickle charger hooked up to the bike next winter. Hopefully, the management of the storage unit will approve. Otherwise, I'll have to talk to Sue about parking her car out in the driveway next winter.

Pray for spring!

Dave



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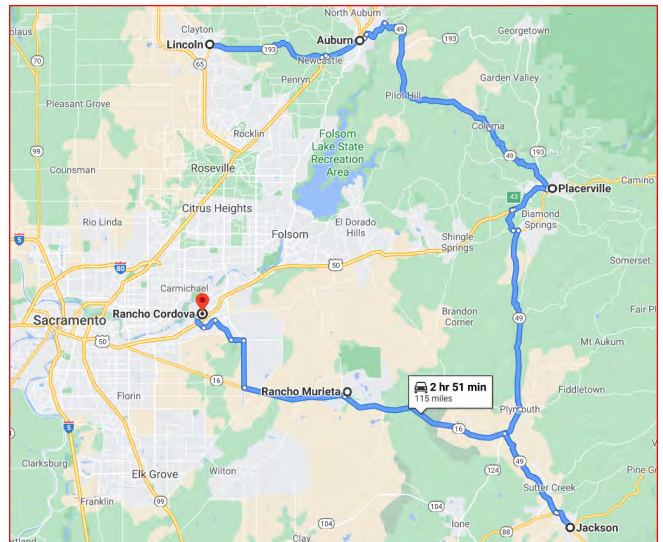
Tom Moe - 33028 BMW MOA Regional Coordinator



Hello from Northern California (Sacramento area) where we are experiencing our first real winter storm this last week of January. It has been unusually warm and dry, much like Montana this winter. Surprisingly, this is a very cold and quite wet storm. We all know it can snow in MT but here occasionally it will snow as much 8' in one storm on Donner Summit and other passes, that is what has been predicted at least. And since there is so darn much traffic big snowstorms are always a really big problem. And since the water year precipitation to date is only about 1/3 the storm will be welcomed by the thirsty environment and reservoirs.

While I have managed to get in a few motorcycles rides I have not really put on that many miles, darn it. One of my favorites is from Lincoln, CA to Auburn, south on Highway 49 to Placerville and then to Jackson and back through Rancho Murrieta and Rancho Cordova. I nice combination of terrain. Another loop is from Lincoln to Auburn to Nevada City and east to intersect with I-80 and back to Colfax and then to Grass Valley and then Marysville and back to Lincoln. As dry as it has been up to now some of the passes over the Sierras were passable, but I have not made any of those loops to date. After this storm – not so much.

I was able to get a service done on the bike at bargain winter rates at A & S Cycles taking advantage of my 10% discount for renewing my RiverCityBeemers membership for another year. The discount paid for my yearly dues and then some. A genuinely nice touch provided by a very supportive dealer. Of course, had it been timely, I would have had Big Sky do the service, but it was due now for both miles and time.



I have been checking the rally website for national rally news and the volunteer tab. It seems to be perhaps locked from last years postponed rally, I plan to find out soon when it will be open again.

I suspect though that volunteers are needed for many tasks at the rally, if you are interested in volunteering keep an eye on the website. As I have reported previously, I am chair of the after rally clean up task and would of course love to have help from MTBMWriders.org members. Obviously, we have some time to volunteer and sign up before the event which I know we all hope can be held this year.

As we get a little closer to summer Mike Hofferber and I and others will plan and publish four or so Billing Centric rides, these rides are becoming ever more popular. I would also like to try to get Bozeman area members together much more often and hopefully as the pandemic subsides, we can and will do just that.

Ride safe, keep the rubber side down.

Tom Moe



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BMW AMBASSADORS - Kevin and Annie Huddy



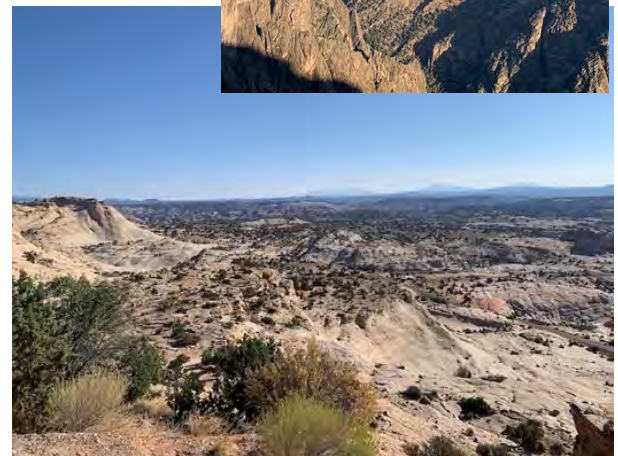
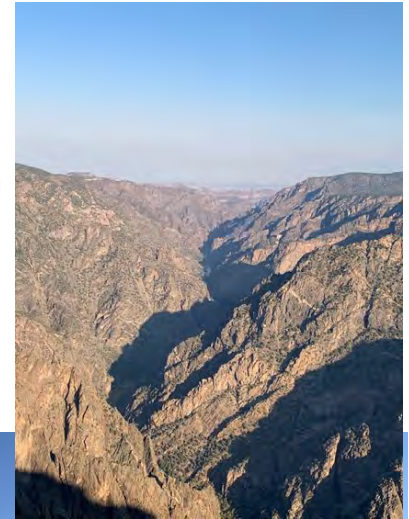
What did you do (are you doing) to stay busy during the plague? Annie and I were able to stay moderately busy during the pandemic. We got a few riding trips in and completed our two-year project to modify the shop.

Our riding trips included attending an FJR riders gathering in Red Lodge for a long weekend, a week in Colorado (Black Canyon of the Gunnison, NP) and later attending the Cedar City, UT BMWMOA Getaway. More on the rides perhaps in the future, but our most significant accomplishment was modifying the shop to make more of the interior usable.

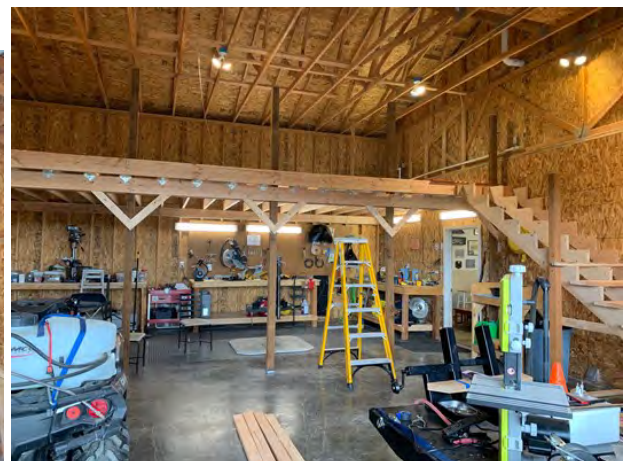
Some of you will remember that about half of the space in the shop was unheated and had a gravel floor. Our plan was to place concrete in the 1,100 sq-ft unheated area, build a 375 sq-ft loft for storage and finally, enclose, insulate and heat the area under the loft. The concrete was poured placed by a in April, 2019 by a construction company superintendent who bought a used lawn mower from us and offered to give me a bit of a deal on the job. The concrete was in place for Tech Day 2019 when this picture was taken by our resident talented photographer, **Ed Field**.



Here, the finished loft is waiting to be filled with our treasured junk.



In June, I built the loft with assistance from **Annie** and a friend from Alaska who thought he was passing through and staying only a day. Ten days and many sore muscles later he knew all too well that he made a mistake. Here the loft is framed and needing only the flooring and railings. My friend cut the stair stringers and did a fantastic job.



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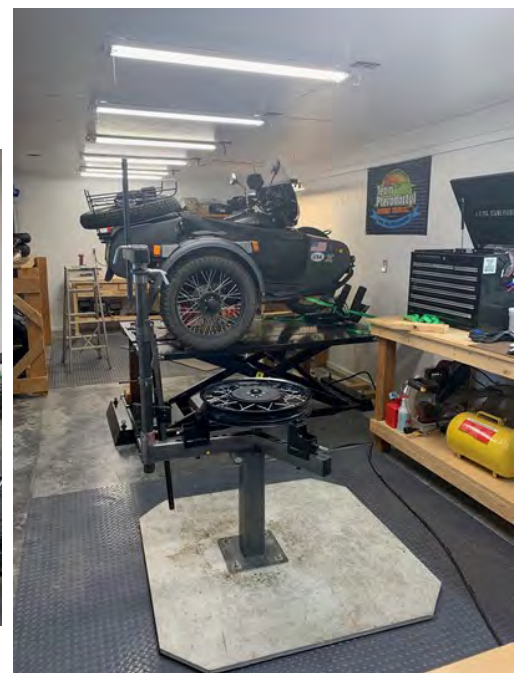
In the spring of 2020 enclosing the space under the loft began. Not until I got to this stage did it occur to me that I could fit the large lift in the new heated space so that I can work on the sidecars, riding mowers and ATV in the heated space. Had I planned to do it earlier in the process I would have made the large opening into the space a few inches wider. The Urals will fit but require great care in getting them through the door.

My son-in-law helped with the insulation (by far the most miserable part of the project). I wired the ceiling for lighting and fortunately no smoke was released into the atmosphere. I sought professional help to install a 220v heater and club member **Blair Krumm**, who is a pro, did the work.

Finally, the finished product painted and with a sliding door built and hung. The old tire changer will be heading north of the border when the border is once again open.



The shop is ready for another TECH DAY, and we sure hope we can hold it this year!



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BMW AMBASSADORS - Kevin and Annie Huddy (continued)

The BMW MOA is excited to announce a new riding event for 2021 open only to MOA members: **The Grand Coddiwomple!**

What is a coddiwomple, you ask? Well, the word coddiwomple means to *“travel in a purposeful manner toward a vague destination.”* So, “The Grand Coddiwomple” is a large-scale scavenger hunt created to give MOA members opportunities to ride their motorcycles while searching for specific items in order to accumulate points, receive recognition and have loads of fun! Basically, you get to ride your bike to various physical locations called “Challenges,” then provide proof you were there by taking a photo of your bike, the Challenge location, and your individually numbered Grand Coddiwomple flag. Each Challenge carries a point value and while some you can only complete once, others have no limit.

Riders can earn Completion status relatively easily, even with limited riding time, though accumulating many points or even winning is of course more challenging.

Riders will only need 300 points to complete The Grand Coddiwomple, which will not only earn you bragging rights and a Certificate of Completion suitable for framing, but also a commemorative pin. Riders can go well beyond 300 points, and the rider with the highest point total will be named the winner and receive a special award of recognition. There will also be prize pools for those with the highest point totals. See the Sections 12 and 13 in the Rules document for details. Though there is a competitive element anytime a score is kept and there will be some drawings, The Grand Coddiwomple is not just about competition or prizes. Rather, it’s about all the places you will go and the fun things you will do that you may not have done otherwise. Participating riders will get to choose their own Challenges to complete, plan their own routes and set their own schedule. The purpose of The Grand Coddiwomple is to have fun riding your motorcycle!

Once you register, you will receive your uniquely numbered 2021 Coddiwomple flag and a sticker. As described in the rules, for most Challenges you will need to take a picture of the Challenge object with your bike and your flag clearly displayed. You will then post your pictures on a photo sharing site and email a link to the photo with a description of the Challenge you are claiming.

The Challenges will get you traveling, but some will also require some thought and creativity. This year the overall theme is based on the slogan and location of the 2021 BMW MOA Rally in Great Falls, Montana. The “Gold, Saddle Up and Ride Challenge” will earn you 200 points by spelling out the words “SADDLE UP AND RIDE” using the first letter of different place names. Another Challenge worth 50 points each requires a photo of a place name which includes the word “Falls.” Riders can also earn 50 points by somehow depicting the phrase, “Falling in Love!”



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BMW AMBASSADORS - Kevin and Annie Huddy (continued)



Grand Coddwomple rules and Challenges are fully spelled out on the Coddwomple registration website at bmwmoa.org/coddwomple. This event runs from April 1, 2021, through October 31, 2021, with registration opening on February 2, 2021. Participation is limited to the first 1,000 entrants, so register early to ensure your place and to receive your flag by the April 1 start date.

Have fun planning your ride and riding your plan! It's The Grand Coddwomple!

Annie Huddy



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MTBMWRIDERS.ORG - Lance Lerum (webmaster)



It's done! The revised website is up and running. Thanks, from me to all the officers and staff (and esp. Mike Wright) for helping correct errors and offer suggestions and text. Same domain name at mtbmwridders.org, familiar page structure, but a new look. There are a couple pages where you all can help out as you see fit. I put in a NEWS page for frequent updates: This page is intended to be more fluid and items will come and go as they become outdated. Our president's message, any announcements, news items, reminders', changes to ride schedules, and other items that may need to be updated for the membership on a more frequent or immediate basis than the monthly newsletters provide. Send me items you would like to post.

The other evolving page that members may find of interest is the GALLERY page. Photos are always fun and interesting, and I created these initial categories primarily as placeholders and as examples of what I am thinking. RIDE PHOTOS and RIDE LUNCHES seem a given. I put up RIDE REPAIRS because I have found those ride breakdowns and sometimes MacGyver solutions to ultimately be among the more memorable events of a trip. A single photo can really tell a story whether you know the facts or not. I dug into my photo library for some of these shots as that is what I had available, which is why you see several of Mike K in there. We've done several trips together and he tends to always jump in there to fix things (and that's a good thing) so that is what I get for a photo. If you also think this is a good photo category send me your ride repair photos. RIDE MAPS also seemed like an interesting category to archive some of the rides members do. I just harvested these from a few past newsletters and can do more if people think this is a good grouping.

I had another idea for a Galley category that might be fun.... Remember, during your school years, you likely had a favorite teacher or class that really was formative in your future path. As I reflect back on my years of education there is one class that really rises to the top. Of course, it was one that I excelled in. I think kindergarten or maybe first grade, but it was right after lunch and the teacher would lower the shades and we would have that mandatory Nap Time. I've really come to appreciate what a treat that class was. Riding with Mike K we seem to each hit the wall about the same time and one or the other will pull off and say 'I gotta close my eyes for a bit.' Never an argument from the other and one or both of us will grab a bit of shut eye, wherever. I thought RIDE NAPS; photos of members taking that break on a ride would be fun. As an example, here is a photo of Mike on a long hot day, as we were trying to get into Budapest before rush hour, when we both ran out of physical gas. Mike made it this far from his bike:



I have a number of these ride nap photos from my travels and I suspect others do also. Some in really nice places and some just on top of a picnic table at a rest area. All tell a story. Again, let me know what you think.

Hope you enjoy the website, see potential, and are willing to help out making it better. All critique and ideas welcome.

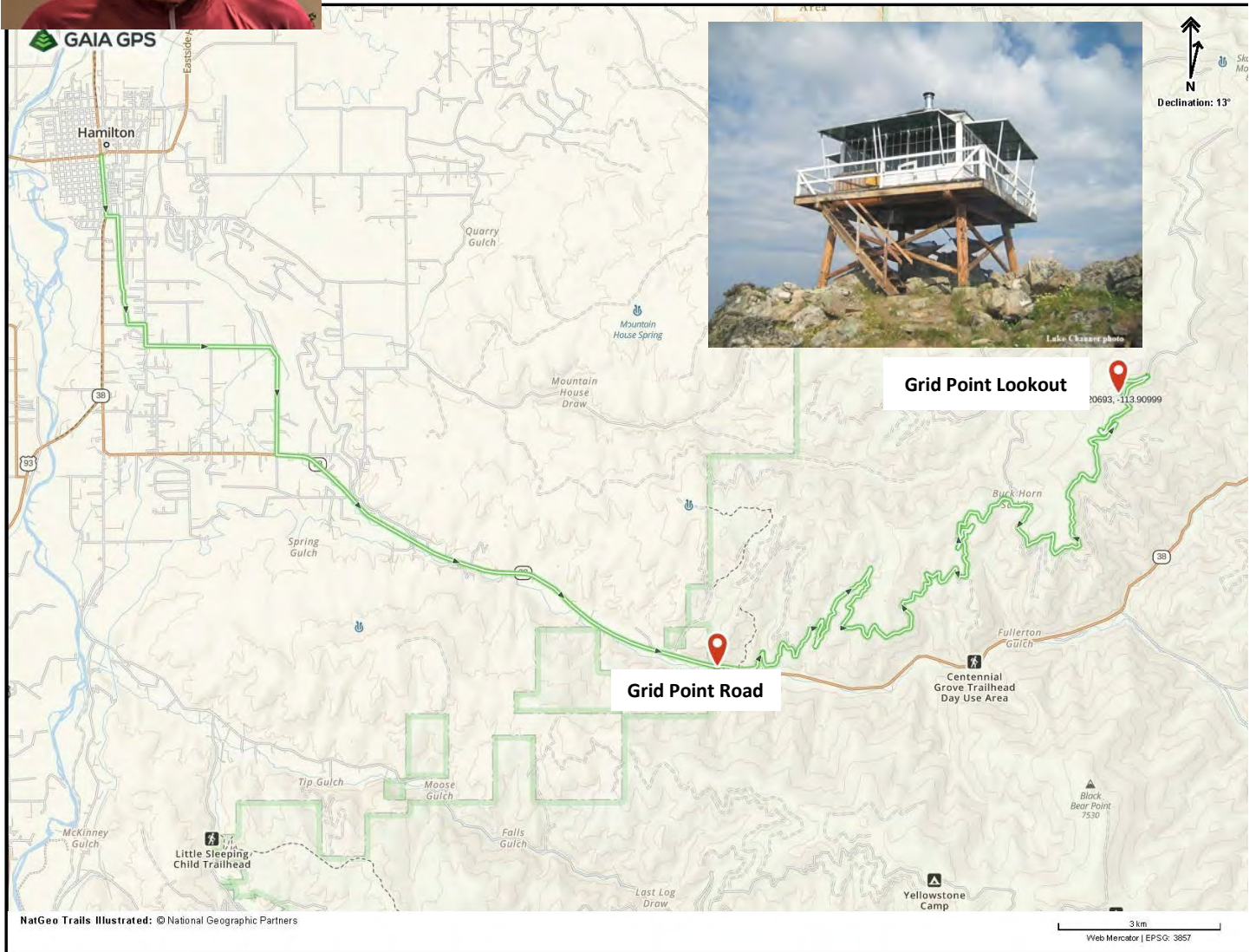
Lance Lerum

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Fire Lookout Challenge



Ken Senn provided directions to a Fire Lookout that should be an easy ride for members in the Missoula—Bitterroot area. Grid Point Lookout in the Lolo National Forest. It looks like it could be a waypoint on a day ride to Phillipsburg over the Skalkaho road.



GIRD POINT LOOKOUT

Built in 1939 on the south summit, this 10' pole tower with L-4 cab was staffed into the 1980's. It was completely surrounded by the Gird Point Fire in 1990. Available on the Recreation Rental program, it is listed on the National Historic Lookout Register. Bitterroot National Forest, 12 miles ESE of Hamilton in Ravalli County, Montana, Elevation 7702'.

Brian Campbell (Photos courtesy the Fire Lookout Museum, Gary Weber and Luk)

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Three Wheeler Corner

Why are sidecars called hacks?

Sidecars earned the nickname "hack" thanks to a village near London called Hackney. Hackney was the birthplace of a particular breed of horse that was used to give rides in the growing metropolitan landscape during the 17th century. The year 1621 was the first year that a horse-drawn carriage was referred to as a "hackney coach" or a "hackney carriage". Much later, during the Industrial Revolution, taxicabs kept being referred to as "hackney carriages," even though electric and industrial combustion engine-powered carriages started to replace their horse-drawn counterparts. The influence of the term is so widespread that even to this day, in Boston, the medallion a taxi operator receives is known as a "Hackney Carriage" medallion. So, once sidecars were introduced and could carry passengers, calling them "hacks" was only natural.


The article above was recommended by Ural rider, Ken Conrad, and taken from a Harley-Davidson Insurance website. /Editor





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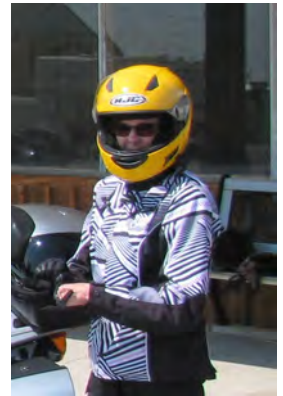
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Winter Projects (What did you do in the great pandemic?)



Phil Haglund and his wife, Dolores would normally be in Parker, AZ this time of year. Rather than be in a lock-down mode in temporary quarters in AZ, they elected to remain at their home in Monarch, deep in the Little Belt mountains. Phil farmed out his BMW R1200C to a shop in Washington to have a sidecar mounted, so this left him with time on his hands. He worked his way through all ten of the remaining bikes in his garage—changed oil, tuned, and put them on chargers—with time to spare. He found a 2013 Suzuki DR650 in Rapid City, South Dakota that was slightly mangled, at the right price. The damaged parts have been replaced, and when I contacted Phil, it was on the trailer for a ride to a shop in Great Falls for new tires.



Phil has Happy Trails panniers and top case that was on his G650 GS, which has now been taken over by his daughter. Phil said she rides it better than he does anyway. He says he thinks she has an age advantage. The 2013 Suzuki DR650 will replace the bike that Kristi wound up with, plus now he has something to do. **Editor**



Paul Oliver pulled a '65 Chevy ¾ ton out of the airplane shed, which he purchased in 2006—and it hadn't run since '97. It was a retired couple's camper truck with 45,000 miles.

He said it was delightful to work on, as it was all original and untouched, every bolt, screw, bracket, and body part.

In the background of the truck picture is an Aermotor windmill that has been inoperable

for 25 years. It is now in his shop being rebuilt. He used a Genie lift to strap it to the basket and lift off the tower. The sharp eyed readers will notice a 1973 Harley-Davidson Shovelhead FLH facing the wall in the photo nearby. The bike belonged to his father. He is restoring this bike, along with a 1969 Harley-Davidson Sportster.



Lockdowns and isolation had many of us looking for outlets. Paul said he enjoyed baking with some curious, but still edible results, and along with his authentic cappuccino maker.

Editor



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John DiBari sent two photos of a bike he rented (Suzuki V-Strom 650), while visiting Phoenix, AZ. Photos were taken in a campground at Roosevelt Lake, northeast of Phoenix. He rented the bike through the Ride Share website ([Riders Share](#)). Private owners post their motorcycles for rent, especially in Phoenix.



The photos tell the entire story—the pickup is headed south, Pat Endres in Wickenburg, Arizona with Mike Hofferber's newly acquired Suzuki DRZ 400, before FARKLE's and a fully FARKLE'd dual sport back in Mike's garage in Billings.



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New Members - Editor



Meet new member, **Jason Andreas**, East Glacier, Montana. Jason moved to East Glacier from Cincinnati, Ohio 20 years ago to teach in the Browning School district, and simply stayed. He is currently a guidance counselor in the district.

With his children getting older, summers off usually include some adventure riding, both paved and unpaved. His garage has a 1986 BMW K1100RS and a 1995 BMW R1100GS. Recent rides, a 1,200-mile jaunt on the Pacific Coast Highway from Portland to San Francisco and return in 2020 and a run down the Baja Peninsula in 2019 from Mexicali to Guerrero Negro and return along the west coast.



Somewhere along Highway 1 between Portland and San Francisco.



Montana ghost towns are on his list of destinations. Jason, along with two familiar faces, **Paul Smietanka** and **Mark Ellzey** did the Pioneer Mount Byway through Elkhorn Hot Springs in 2020. Nearby Jason, Paul and Mark somewhere in the Yak Valley in 2020.



Meet new member **Brooke Hunter**, a Helena, Montana native, and essentially a lifetime motorcyclist. As a nine-year old kid, hanging around Red Drennon's Honda motorcycle shop on South Main in Helena, he was put to work doing what kids do, stripping (read cleaning) parts. Payment eventually netted a Honda 50 cc step through. Brooke did not



mention anything about being a street legal bike or rider, but that can be a story at the first social gathering.

As you might expect, trail riding was first, then road riding. He has since made at least a dozen trips through northern British Columbia, Alaska, and the Pacific Northwest. He has also ridden in Argentina, Peru, and Chili, on separate occasions, and in Europe with a Croatian friend, toured the Balkans, the Alps and Dolomites, Italy, Corsica and Sardinia. He and friends spend summers riding and camping in southwestern Montana and Idaho.



From his list of motorcycles, his garage can lay claim to having a bike for every occasion. His main stay, a BMW 2016 R1200GS; and its grandfather, a 1990 BMW R100GSPD. Also, a 1998 BMW R1200C, a 1983 BMW R80ST, a 1990 Yamaha Venture Sidecar, and a 2017 Husqvarna 701.

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New Members - (continued)



Meet **Al Murry**, from Helena. You may remember Al from the September meeting in Ennis and riding his 1999 BMW R1100RT. Originally from Baltimore, he grew up near Chicago and moving to Montana 25 years ago. Al starting riding motorcycles as a teenager, which continued until family responsibilities took precedence. A long hiatus until the children reached adulthood, and he got back into riding with a 2001 BMW G650GS. Al, a practicing accountant, still had some slack in his motorcycle budget, and found the 1999 BMW R1100RT we saw in Ennis. One of his favorite rides of the year, the Lincoln Loop, with **Mark Ellzey** and **Paul Smietanka** in the autumn as the trees were in full color. Lincoln Road over Flesher Pass, through Lincoln, to Helmville, and then down twisty Hwy 271 to Drummond and back to Helena via I-90 & Hwy 12. Always a fun ride.



Meet new member **Mark Bray**, Fairview, Montana who has the distinction of being the club member the furthest east, and still in Montana. Mark, who works in North Dakota, says he has about a four block walk to the border and then a short stroll to work. A direct ride to Fairview from Missoula is about 600 miles.

Originally from Missouri, and a small farm east of Kansas City where, as he puts it, they raised rocks and rattle snakes. When Mark was about 12-13 years old, his father bought a Suzuki 80 cc two cycle motorcycle. Its most endearing characteristic was the motor could run both directions, so releasing the clutch in first gear was always approached with a bit of caution. The good part was, the farm gave him all the space a rambunctious kid needed to perfect his riding skills, that is a far as a cow pasture would allow.

Mark recalls he did ride while in high school and tried his luck at moto crossing. It soon became apparent, money, or the absence there of was the controlling factor in pursuing that venue. He had a long hiatus in riding while pursuing his lifetime work of distributing welded steel rails, manufactured in St. Louis, to railroads in Montana. A project, and a young lady in Havre, Montana led him to become a permanent state resident. He took a break from riding as he got on with his life, until he bought a 2003 Harley-Davidson. Unfortunately, the Harley met its demise in a wreck that also sidelined Mark's riding. He began riding again after acquiring a BMW K1200S, which carried him along the Beartooth highway several times as well as the Going-to-the-Sun highway several times. In anticipation eastern Montana, locally referred to as "West Dakota", would develop some off-road riding Mark invested in a 2009 BMW1200GS with 18,000 miles. He laments that in two years, he has only ridden it 2,000 miles, but is looking forward to bringing it west to participate in some club events in 2021.

I asked Mark about the closest dealership or repair shop. He said he just picked up his GS from Sturgis Motorsports, Sturgis, South Dakota, 300 miles south. He purchased his BMW's from a dealer in Kansas City, Missouri about 1,000 miles southeast of Fairview. The red bike is his old F800GS and the silver one is a K1200S. He missed the K1200S so much, he bought a K1600GT. The red F800GS photo was taken in the Bear's Paw mountains south of Havre.



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Letters to the Editor

Last month **Antje Engelhard** published an open letter to the female members of the club asking them to contact her about small group rides in the coming season. **Carol Helm**, whom we first met at a 2019 club meeting in Wisdom, responded to Antje's letter.

Editor



Thank you for posting my article about the search for all women riders within the BMW club last month. I received one response....anybody else out there who is interested?

One response is great, I am not looking to ride in large groups, two or three riders total is plenty. And since we are only approaching the month of February....there is plenty of time to prepare for the upcoming season.

Cheers, *Antje Engelhard*



I had an opportunity to speak with **Carol Helm**, far left with **Annie Huddy**, from her winter retreat in Arizona. (Carol responded to Antje's open letter.) Her immaculate F650GS on the right has now been joined by two others, another 2009 and a 2005.

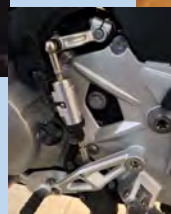
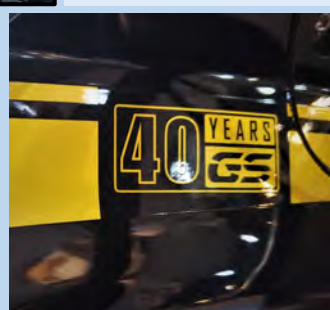


Carol may have a corner on the market. She plans to be back in Montana early spring. Very little riding in Arizona, roads are too straight. **Editor**



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Dirt Biking big Bikes in Southern Utah



You may remember **Jared Beard**, an occasional participant in our First Saturday Breakfast events, and who organized a ride in Death Valley National Park in April 2020. Several of the MONTANA BMW RIDERS Club members participated. Jared, in conjunction with Maverick Motors, is organizing a similar ride in southern Utah, for March 22-28 of this year. Jared sent the following email:

"Want to adventure motorcycle with us this spring? All you need is a sleeping bag, tent, fresh undies, socks, and bike. Don't have a bike or want to try something new, we got you covered with the all New Yamaha Ténéré 700. We're getting a rental fleet.

We got everything else covered too: travel, trailering, lodging, and food. We're going to have a support vehicle, so leave the panniers at home. This isn't necessarily an adventure, but dirt biking on big heavy dirt bikes. It's going to be desert riding, adventuring southern Utah between Sand Hollow and Zion National Park. This area has trails for days that are perfect for big and medium-size adventure bikes. There is something for everyone.

We're going to be ruffing it, glamping style, on BLM land. Brent and the staff (three of us) are going to cook you gourmet breakfasts, lunch, and dinners. We'll have all the booze too. At the end of a good day, we'll all sit around a big fire under the starry sky and reminisce about how awesome we are; that is, we'll be telling lies. And as a middle-aged man, we're not going to be killing ourselves. Those days are behind us, but we are going to ride some technical stuff. So you need to be comfortable standing on your pegs for this trip. You need knobby 50/50 tires and crash protection. And that's about it, we'll have everything else covered; we'll help you work on those riding skills too. Think training and fun! You'll be ready to tackle any adventure after this trip.

When? March 22–28. We will load the bikes on March 20 and send them off ahead of us to set up camp. We will follow on March 22. We'll get a hotel that night and the next morning we'll make camp and begin dusting the winter cobwebs off our skills. The next day we'll adventure the area until we leave. We'll make camp most nights at the same location. We will move north and set up a second camp closer to Zion at the tail end of the trip to ride trails around and in Zion.

Let us know if you are interested and reserve your spot. We only got about 7 spots left. If you want to join us by trailering your own rig, that is an option too. Let me know, we're going to have a couple of meetings you need to attend before we launch.

Respond to the email letting me know if you are interested.

Hope to see you on the trail,"

Jared email: jared@mavmotorsports.com

A pause in Death Valley National Park,
April 2020



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Motorcycle Trivia



If you can only afford one tractor.....

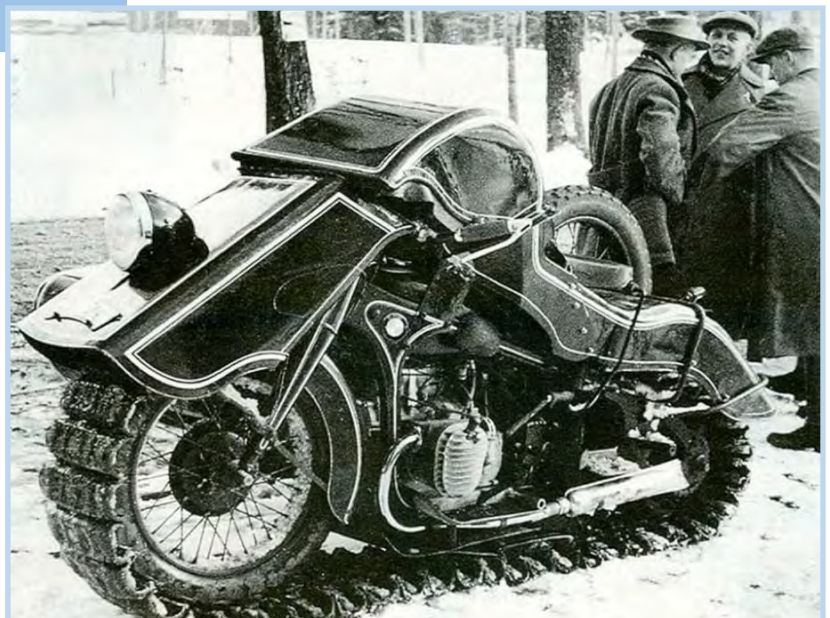


In 2014, engineering PhD student, Eva Hakanson set a world land speed record of 241 mph in her "KillaJoule" streamlined electric sidecar motorcycle. (Source: *KillaCycle*). According to her social media posts, she subsequently reached 270 mph. With a new sidecar, *Green Envy*, also electric, she has her eyes set on the overall motorcycle record, currently at 376 mph.



Happy
New
Year

Courtesy Kim Lemke—Historian



OK, where are those single tracks to the fire lookouts?

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Club Meetings and Ride Schedule 2021

Month	Date	Location	Venue	Day	Time	Theme ⁽¹⁾
January	Although no entire MT BMW RIDERS club events are scheduled, each geographical area is encouraged to informally arrange social gatherings suitable for your level of comfort with the level of COVID-19 at the time.					
February						
March						
April	18 th	Lincoln	Montana Steak House	Sunday	1:00 PM	
May	21 st -23 rd	Helena	Huddy's Outpost	Friday - Sunday	All Day	Bikes Needing Repair
	23 rd	Hauser Lake	Lakeside on Hauser	Sunday	1:00 PM	Air Heads & Three Wheelers
June	24 th – 27 th	Great Falls	BMW MOA RALLY	Thursday – Sunday	All Day	Just Ride
	26 th	Choteau	Choteau City Park (Bring your own lunch)	Saturday	Noon	
July	18 th	Phillipsburg	Winninghoff Park	Sunday		
	29-31 & Aug 1 st	Helena	Helena Handbasket	Thursday – Sunday	All Day	
August	21 st	Powell, ID	Lochsa Lodge	Saturday	Noon PDT	K Bikes
September		Wapiti, WY	EYCAT			
		Roscoe, MT	Grizzly Bar	Sunday		GS/ADV
October	17 th	Ovando	Trixi's	Sunday	1:00 PM	Thumpers
November	20 th	Jackson	Jackson Hot Springs	Saturday	1:00 PM	
December	4 th	Missoula	Big Sky Motorsports	Saturday	5:00 PM	

(1) The "Theme" is to encourage riders of the type of bike noted, to ride that motorcycle to the event.

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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

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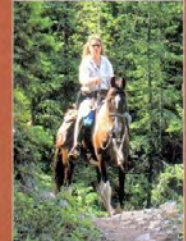
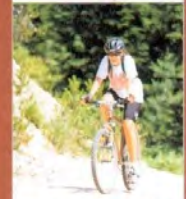
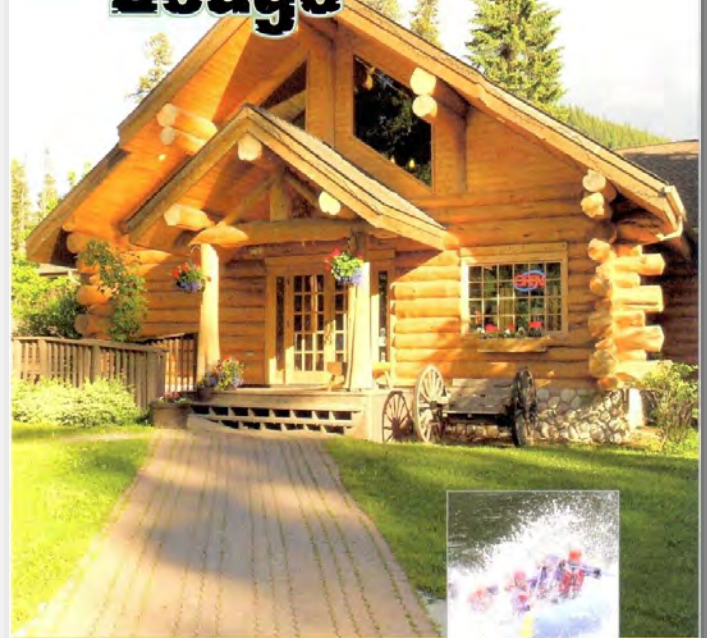
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