

# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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## President's Corner



My guilty conscience compels me to make a confession. The mind grew weak, and I could not remain faithful. A new passion was kindled last summer when I bought a rooftop tent for my 1997 Land Cruiser to facilitate a mid-pandemic cross-country road trip. I normally rely on motorcycling books and magazines to bolster internal morale and help pass the annual kidney stone known as winter. But this year I found no solace in reading about other peoples' road trips in the pages of *RoadRunner* magazine, and couldn't even get the pages of *The Best of Peter Egan* to turn. Instead, I repeatedly found myself holding a copy of *Toyota Trails*, the bimonthly magazine of the Toyota Land Cruiser Association, reading about other peoples' adventures in overlanding.

What is overlanding? It's not 4-wheeling, and it's not car-camping, but it's something in between: overlanding is vehicle-assisted adventure travel. It's nearly the very same thing we do on two wheels – astride a GS or Africa Twin or KLR or Tiger or KTM – when we seek out dirt roads through the wildlands, to travel uncommon routes and reveal remote places, to disconnect from cell service and civilized society. To pause long enough to jump in a stream, or boil up an afternoon cup of coffee. And as the shadows grow long, to search out a supremely -serene-yet-anonymous location, unstrap a small tent and sleeping bag from the rear seat, and spend the night humbled by the vast stillness and uncountable stars of the Montana sky. Just replace that with a Land Cruiser (or Jeep or Land Rover, etc.) and you've got overlanding.

You don't need a rooftop tent for this, but it does make an unexpectedly huge difference. Spend four figures for a tent that weighs 165 pounds, and then throw it up onto the top of a top-heavy vehicle? Yes; and if your childhood involved spending any time in a tree fort, then you need little convincing. Remember? Nothing captured the rush of clambering up steps of scrap boards nailed to a tree, to reach an uneven platform of questionable engineering and dubious construction, probably devoid of basic safety accoutrements like railings, and then to pass a summer afternoon up there in blissful treetop autonomy. Now add in canvas walls, screen windows, a clear skylight, and a nicely padded mattress. Give it collapsible framing, a telescoping ladder, a superlight aluminum waffle floor, and gas pistons that enable instant unfolding. And lastly, conceal the whole thing beneath a space-efficient, aerodynamic hard-shell roof that lends the vehicle beneath it the same instant safari-adventure vibe that aluminum panniers and semi-knobby tires confer upon your ADV bike. With that kit on the top of the right kind of vehicle, you can drive many of the same National Forest roads as the GS, with the stability of four wheels versus two, the advantage of complete weather protection, and the storage space to tote along an unrivaled backcountry setup – including real NON-dehydrated food – plus your furry best-friend. All with the knowledge that at day's end, you'll climb up the steps to your secret portable home, slip under a blanket (not a confining sleeping bag), put your head on a real feather pillow, and sleep deeply in blissful segregation from snakes and bears, uneven and stony ground, and cold air drainage. They call this thing a rooftop tent but they really shouldn't, because the only thing it shares in common with those grubby nylon crypts is the word 'tent'.

So that's the kind of stuff that I've been fixated on this winter, when I should have been thinking about motorcycles. Now if I could just figure out how to mount this rooftop tent onto a Ural, then I might finally achieve the holy grail of adventure travel!

*Chris Keyes* - President MT BMW RIDERS

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Secretary - Treasure's Column - Dave McCormack



While you were quarantined with Covid and now you're maybe snowed in, why not take a few moments, write a check to your Montana BMW Riders. It's still one heck of a bargain...20+ pages of the club newsletter every month, a terrific website and Instagram happenings, prizes and drawings at most meetings, and special treatment at Big Sky Motorsports. That's \$15 for a year, folks. Being hemmed in with Covid for about 9 weeks, I discovered all those swell internet channels that only go for \$ 9.99 a month. But there's no challenge to sitting in your easy chair and watching a movie. Not like throwing a leg over an engine attached to two (or three) wheels and seeing the country.

It's simple...write a check with **MTBMWriders** on the **Payable To** line, **\$15.00** and slip it into an envelop with a stamp on it and mail it to:

**Sec/Tres. MTBMWriders  
c/o Dave McCormack  
18 Lonepine Trail  
Hamilton, MT 59840**

You'll get back an email with our thanks, acknowledgment receipt, and a handy-dandy Membership card for the year, 2021. Oh, you need to be a paid up member to participate in the drawings, contests, and other fun member club stuff. Your membership terminates theoretically on January 1st but we're allowing you to coast until March 31<sup>st</sup>. After that, you'll get a frown.

*Dave McCormack*



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Tom Moe - 33028 BMW MOA Regional Coordinator

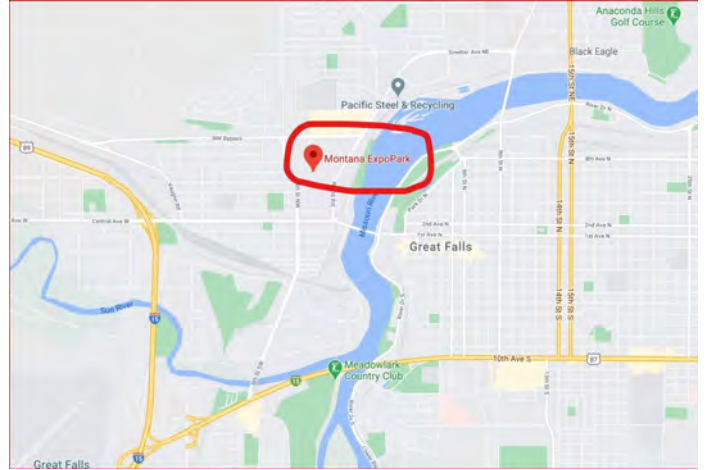


National Rally Frequently Asked Questions and Rally Volunteering. Well, let's try this again, hopefully we can get it in this year.

## WHEN AND WHERE IS THE RALLY?

The 2021 MOA Rally will be held in Great Falls, Montana from 24-27 June.

Montana ExpoPark  
400 3rd St NW  
Great Falls, MT 59404  
(406) 727-8900



## HOW DO I REGISTER?

Online rally registration will open on 1 January 2021, at [BMWMOA.ORG](http://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.

## HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO ATTEND THE RALLY?

MOA Members: \$65 in advance; \$85 at the gate.

Non-Members: \$85 in advance; \$105 at the gate.

Children ages 6-15: \$10 in advance; \$15 at the gate.

Children ages five and under, No charge.

Saturday-only Day Passes: \$35

Register now at: <https://bmwmoaf.regfox.com/2020rally>.

## WHAT DO I GET FOR MY RALLY FEE?

For your full rally registration fee (excluding children and day passes), you will receive admission to the rally for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, entry into door prize drawings, eligibility for our Grand Prize drawings and the BMW MOA prize bike. Your registration also includes camping fees for the Montana ExpoPark.

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**Tom Moe - 33028 BMW MOA Regional Coordinator - (continued)**

## **WHAT FORMS OF PAYMENT ARE ACCEPTED?**

*Personal checks, MasterCard, Visa, American Express, Discover, and cash are accepted.*

## **WHEN IS THE EARLIEST I CAN ARRIVE AT THE RALLY AND SET UP CAMP?**

*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.*

## **WILL THERE BE DAY PASSES AT THE RALLY?**

*Day passes will be available at Rally Registration on Saturday only. Day passes will allow access to the event, but will not include door prize tickets, pin, patch, or rally program. Cost is \$35 for all day on Saturday.*

## **DO I HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MOA TO ATTEND?**

**No.** *The Rally is open to BMW MOA members and their guests. Rally attendance is contingent on abiding by the rules and policies of the BMW MOA, and at the discretion of the Rally Chairs. We reserve the sole right to deny admission and/or remove persons from the rally grounds based on our discretion.*

*While MOA members receive a registration discount, non-members may join the MOA online or at the rally registration rate and receive the MOA member discount. A one-year membership is \$49 for U.S. residents. Please see the BMW MOA website for the extensive list MOA member benefits which easily off-set the annual membership fee.*

## **DO I HAVE TO RIDE A MOTORCYCLE TO ATTEND?**

**No.** Walk, ride or drive, just make it to the front gate.

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**Tom Moe - 33028 BMW MOA Regional Coordinator - (continued)**

## **DO I HAVE TO RIDE A BMW MOTORCYCLE TO ATTEND?**

*While the BMW MOA National Rally is specific to BMW motorcycles, we welcome riders and guests on all marques. All bikes must meet local noise abatement regulations and rally attendance is contingent on abiding by the rules and policies of the BMW MOA and the discretion of the Rally Chairs.*

## **CAN I BRING A FRIEND?**

***Yes;** please bring your friends and allow us to make them feel like part of the family! Non-MOA members are welcome, but have a slightly higher ticket cost. Of course, they can always join the MOA at the time of registration and get the member discount for admission!*

## **I'VE ARRIVED! WHAT SHOULD I DO FIRST?**

***First things first.** Register for the rally or check-in if you registered online before the rally. Check in at the registration building to receive your wristband, rally program, door prize tickets, etc.*

*If you are camping, proceed to the designated camping area and pick a spot to pitch your tent. Meet your neighbors, make new friends and relax.*

*Once you've settled in, visit the Rally Central to turn in your door prize tickets, pick up your pin and rally mug and sign up at the Awards Booth...you never know what you may win!*

*First time at an MOA International Rally? We're glad you're here! Be sure to stop in and introduce yourself at the Ambassador's Booth. Need to charge your electronic devices? We've got you covered at the Electronics Charging Station. Be sure to bring your own cord. Check out the MOA Gear Shop for Rally shirts and other cool MOA items. Visit the MOA Foundation Booth to learn more about rider safety, education and training.*

*Last, but certainly not least, start having fun!*

## **CAN I SHIP ITEMS TO THE RALLY?**

*You may ship items to the rally, but please **do NOT** ship any packages to arrive before Wednesday, June 18. ALL items should be addressed as follows:*

*Your Name / Cell Phone #  
Montana Expo Park Four Seasons Arena  
400 3rd St NW,  
Great Falls, MT 59404*

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## **WHERE DO I PICK UP ITEMS SHIPPED TO THE RALLY?**

*Receiving will be in the Pacific Steel and Recycling building. The building will be open Monday, June 21, to Saturday June 26, 9 AM to 5 PM.*

## **WILL IT BE POSSIBLE TO SHIP ITEMS HOME FROM THE RALLY?**

*Yes, an on-site shipping service will be available once the rally opens through Sunday morning.*

## **HOW CAN I VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUT?**

*Lots of work happens before the Rally even opens. Contact the Volunteer Committee Chair, **Paul Ruffel** for current needs. At the rally, the Volunteer Booth is located in the MOA building and you can sign up to volunteer there. Stop by and sign up for a shift or two. **NOTHING** would happen without our fantastic volunteers! See the Rally Website for needs and to sign up. Still looking for local volunteers for post rally cleanup.*

Ride safe, keep the rubber side down.

*Tom Moe*



The advertisement for Mountain Hot Tub features a blue header with the company logo and name. Below this, contact information for three locations is provided in a table format. The bottom section includes images of a motorcycle and a hot tub, along with a slogan and an email address.

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BMW AMBASSADORS - Kevin and Annie Huddy



## Uralistas Ride The Missouri

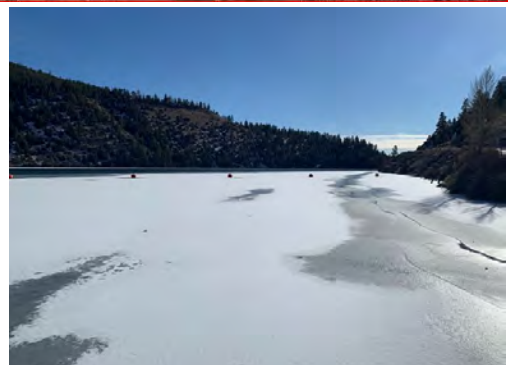
It was a clear and crisp day on the last day of January. The three of us had planned to take a ride on each of the previous three days but alas high winds had talked us out of it. This day, however, was just right.



Annie and I left the Outpost in time to meet **Ken Conrad** at the crack of noon on the road to York. This would not be the first time that we three had gone for a ride on our Urals and as in the past we had no firm itinerary in place. We decided to head to Hauser Dam on the Missouri. Our route took us across the causeway that crosses Prickly Pear Creek at the mouth of Lake Helena. From the causeway the road soon turns to dirt as it makes its way past White Sandy Campground and Black Sandy State Park and terminates at Hauser Dam. Once past White Sandy the road is narrow and at times is bordered by a steep drop-off to the Missouri, so we maintained the Ural nominal speed of a gentle crawl.



Taking in the sunshine from atop Hauser Dam. Urals get a fair amount of attention. Three Urals get a great deal of attention.



Looking upstream (South) from Hauser Dam. The ice looked thin and rotten in places.

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## BMW AMBASSADORS - Kevin and Annie Huddy (continued)



Stopped for a photo-op along the Missouri River

North of the dam the Missouri is again flowing freely. It passes through Gates of the Mountains Wilderness and Mann Gulch, where 13 firefighters died in 1949. The Missouri is again dammed near Wolf Creek, forming Holter Lake.



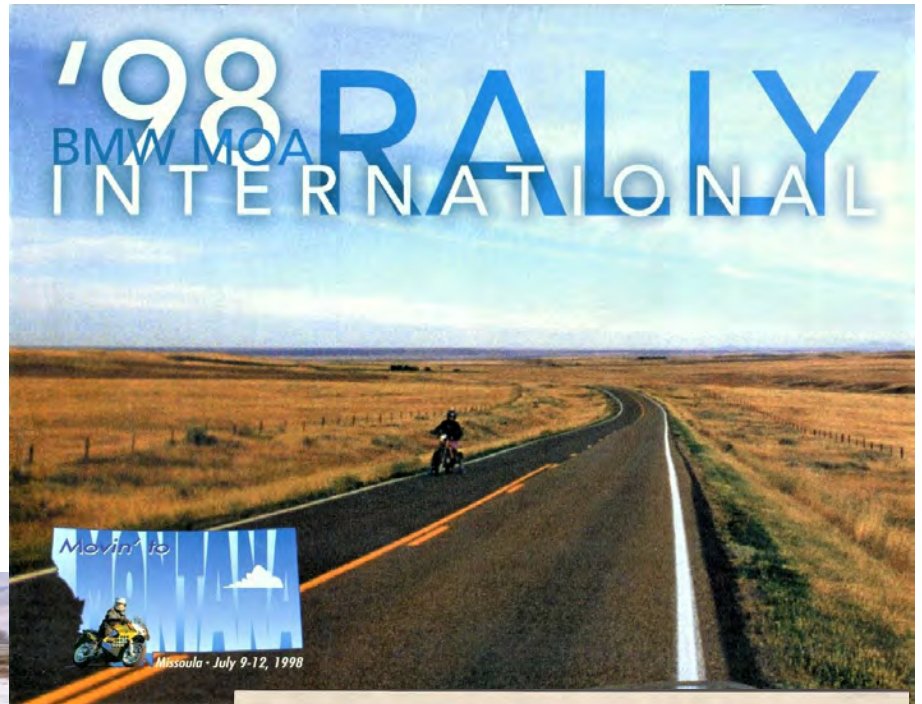
The Missouri south of the dam is quite wide and a popular area for ice fishing. There were several brave souls on the ice as we passed by. Not so long ago a person fell through the ice in this area. Only because of an observant and quick thinking bystander was the person rescued. This is the view from Black Sandy State Park. Despite repeated urgings, Annie demurred from taking her Ural on the ice.





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Historian - Kim Lemke



A future Motorcycle Safety Foundation instructor, honing his skills. Probably did not include this photo with his application. *Editor*



First BMW, 1976 in Western Australia, while Kim Lemke was working as a teacher.



Rode on January 1st and 31st in 2021, Corona Virus and snow notwithstanding.

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## The School House Rock (a.k.a. the One Room Schoolhouse Contest)

### Announcing the One Room Schoolhouse Contest

Last fall, when the club was considering contests to challenge our riders, we talked about a One Room Schoolhouse contest. We needed another contest that favored on-road bikes versus the dual purpose bikes in the Fire Lookout Contest. Our choice was to create some interest around old one room schoolhouses. We thought that should be easy as we had a book called Visions and Voices by Charlotte Caldwell that detailed with pictures and stories, over 129 one room schoolhouses in Montana. The book was published in 2012 which made it look like some of them she detailed should still be standing. We decided to try to locate at least 25 for our contest and spread those schools across all of Montana so there were no easy clusters.

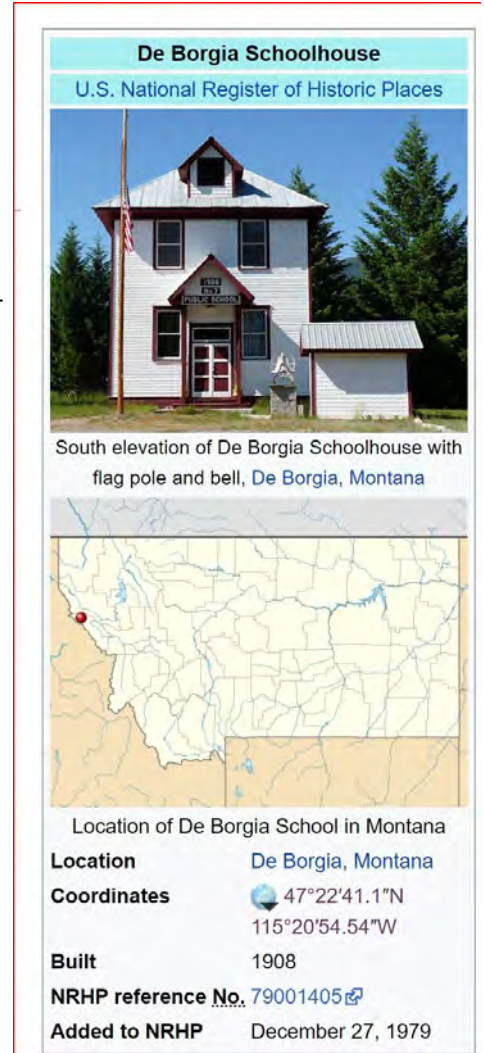
We discovered after we committed to hold the contest that her book was written over a period of years and many of her subjects had died; schools had been demolished or repurposed; and many were moved to private land. We also discovered there is no single source for one room school houses... there are many sources not yet consolidated anywhere. This contest is both an exciting reason to ride Montana and an opportunity to pass along your own discoveries in the process. We have agreed to provide our pictures, conversations, and observations to a couple of Montana historical organizations that are busy trying to, before they disappear, catalog all the remaining one room schoolhouses and their locations.

We worked hard to give you a challenge and have counted out approximately 26 schools, not necessarily one room schools, but maybe schools that started that way in the early 1900's. We haven't ridden all of them so it will be challenging and could lead to eliminating a few on our list. We're also hoping some of the contestants will discover some new ones as a result.

The schools that are still operating need to be treated especially carefully. It is not a good idea to park your bike and start taking pictures of children at the school. That could cause some problems for you and the school authorities. Better to stay on the bike, snap a picture and move on. Trespassing on private land is a bad idea too. We don't encourage it or condone it. We will trust each contestant to take a picture as best as possible and detail his/her experience. We trust also that you are traveling by bike and not a car or a plane. So, you should find taking a picture a lot easier. If the GPS coordinates were off, please let us know and we'll get the word out to other contestants.

To sign up you need to be a paid up member. You may enter later in the riding season but still you must be a paid up member. The contest specifics will be published in the April Newsletter and to registered riders. You're welcome to indicate your interest by sending an email to **Dave McCormack** at [dhmcc@aol.com](mailto:dhmcc@aol.com) expressing your interest in participating.

*Dave McCormack*



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## Fire Lookout Challenge - Memories by Ken Senn



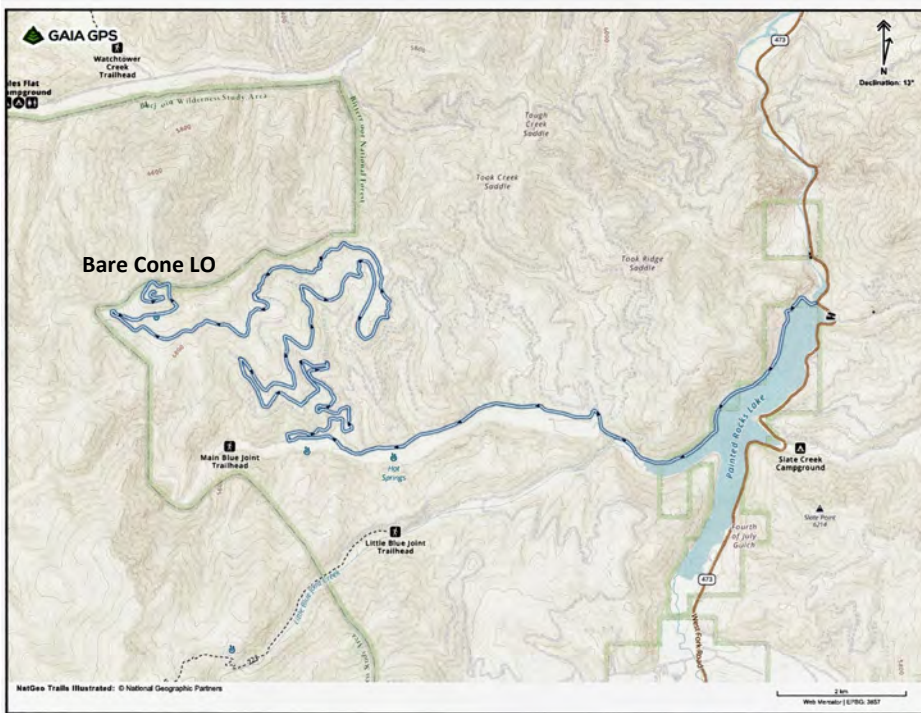
*"I have been practicing social distancing & haven't been coming to meetings, but look forward to attending again as soon as it's safe.*

*Got a lot of rides in last summer, mostly solo. Did some camping and found some new and interesting places. A different riding season, for sure, but perhaps one of the most enjoyable. Logged a little lower total mileage than the year before, but the quality was definitely there.*

*I have visited these lookouts; I manned Salmon Mountain Lookout for eighteen days in the Magruder as a substitute in 1969, which is a short hike from the Elk City Road, I even called in a fire in the Red River District got to watch smokejumpers hit the silk & BS'd with them on the radio at night! When on trail crew, I visited Bad Luck, Spot Mountain and Wood Hump, those were the days. Visited Medicine Point, Thunder Mountain, McCart, Sula Peak (you can also drive to it), Willow Mountain, St. Mary's and Boulder Point, mostly when bowhunting.*

*Speaking of the Elk City Road I was part of a crew that shoveled snow through drifts to open the road for vehicular traffic in late July, 1968. Rode pillion on a Yamaha 250 through the then new pavement on the top of Nez Perce Pass - left a deep rut, boy did we catch hell for that!*

*Sorry for rambling, the lookout discussion brought back a flood of memories."*



### **BARE CONE Look Out**

Location Bitterroot National Forest  
Ravalli County, Montana

Coordinates:

N 45° 43.150' W 114° 24.733' (view using [Google Maps](#))

N 45° 43' 09" W 114° 24' 44"

N 45.719170° W 114.412220°

Elevation 7,822 ft (2,384 m)

Built 1962

I am sure the club members who plan to participate in the Fire Lookout Contest have pulled up numerous websites on the subject. Brian Campbell suggests ([FOREST LOOKOUTS - MONTANA weebly.com](#)) for the type of data shown on the right. Ken Senn, ([sennken@gmail.com](mailto:sennken@gmail.com)), has social distanced by riding solo to many lookouts and has offered to provide rideable information to many lookouts in the area, just email him.

*Editor*

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## Three Wheeler Corner


Ken Conrad, a club member with a passion for Ural sidecar motorcycles, offered the following UTube link showing "The Labor of Love; Assembling a Ural sidecar: (<https://youtu.be/GEx31mPTu-c>). A few clips from the video.

**A Labor of Love:  
The Construction of a Ural Sidecar  
at the Factory, Irbit Russia**




*Robots need not apply.*


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## New Members - (continued)



Meet new member **Larry Manchester**, currently living in Corvallis, Montana. Larry was born in Casper, Wyoming and raised just west of Casper in Shoshoni. So, what does a ten-year-old kid do in Shoshoni with miles and miles of open space? Gets a Tote Goat of course, one of the early all terrain two wheelers, photo nearby. His most vivid memories of the Tote Goat are it was extremely hard to push back to the house, seems like it would quit running at the most inopportune times. Never-the-less, it hooked him on two wheelers.



His professional life began, and still is, the “Phone Company” which seemed to be a generic definition when there was only one “Phone” company. Larry started as an Installer, following AT&T through its mandated break-up and successive name changes eventually earning an engineering position with Century Link that brought him to Montana in 2005. Pursuing a career did not keep him from riding as evidenced by his Iron Butt challenge achievements. His first two was



on a Suzuki 1400, most noted for its short range, a little under 200 miles between fill-ups, a definite consideration on an Iron Butt run. He continued with four Saddle Sore Iron Butt runs, two while in Wyoming and two in Montana.

His first encounter with some of our local motorcycling ‘characters’ was being invited to ride with the “Missoula SMBC” and their run to the Lochsa Lodge. This group was memorable for their rapid rate of travel, but speed limit adherent once in Idaho.

Larry semi-retired in 2015 and still does engineering work for Century Link. His current motorcycle inventory includes a 2002 BMW R1150RT that has been his ride for 60,000 miles. Wanting to branch out and do a bit of off-riding in the 2021 season with his son, he acquired **Ken Conrad’s** 2007 BMW F650GS. They plan to ride in the Pinedale area south of DuBois, Wyoming.

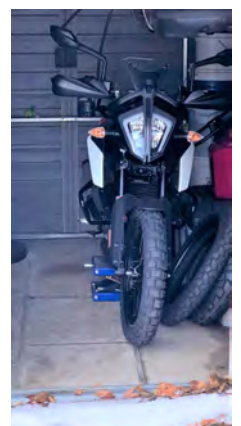
Larry’s wife of 45 years, Linda, is an occasional pylon passenger, that has included a recent ride through Glacier Park.

We are looking forward to seeing Larry and Linda at some of our social events, when the BUG breaks, and maybe at the Memories Café in Corvallis.



Under the category of ‘NEW BIKE in THE STORAGE SHED’, **John DiBari** found room for a KTM 390 GS (see photo to right). The THUMPER ranks are growing. My BMW G310GS, **Jim Haar’s** identical bike, **Kim Lemke’s** Royal Enfield, **Chuck Reaves** still has a F650GS around, and **Larry Manchester’s** newly acquired F650GS (see above) along with **Mike Hofferber’s** and **Phil Haglund** Suzuki DRS 400 can almost constitute a THUMPER day. I also believe **Ken Conrad** can locate an F650GS in his garage.

*Editor*



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Many of the Newsletter readers follow Noraly Schoenmaker (a.k.a. Itchy Boots) on FACEBOOK. She is a Dutch lady who posts her world travels, on a motorcycle, on a FACEBOOK series. You know it has been a long cold winter when fellow club member, **Mike Hofferber** find items like **Amanda Zito**, from Corvallis, Montana who also has become a bit of celebrity recording her motorcycle adventures on FACEBOOK, under the name, "**As the Magpie Flies**". Her roots are in Montana and she has become the sponsor of an annual motorcyclist campout on her parents ranch in the Bitterroot valley.



## Editor



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## Miscellaneous Motorcycle Stuff

You may have caught this on the BMW MOA website when the BMW Owners of Minnesota presented an interview with Erin Sills - Professional land speed motorcycle racer, adventure riding coach, and media-trained marketing executive. She holds the land speed record for riding a BMW S1000RR at 237 mph. The interview was on February 11, 2021.



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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](mailto:jared@mavmotorsports.com)**

The general area Jared outlined above is shown on the right.

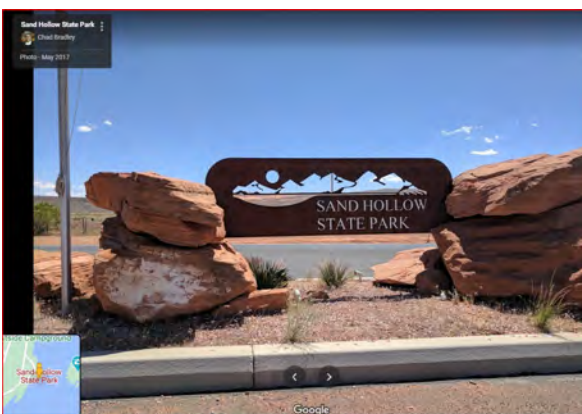
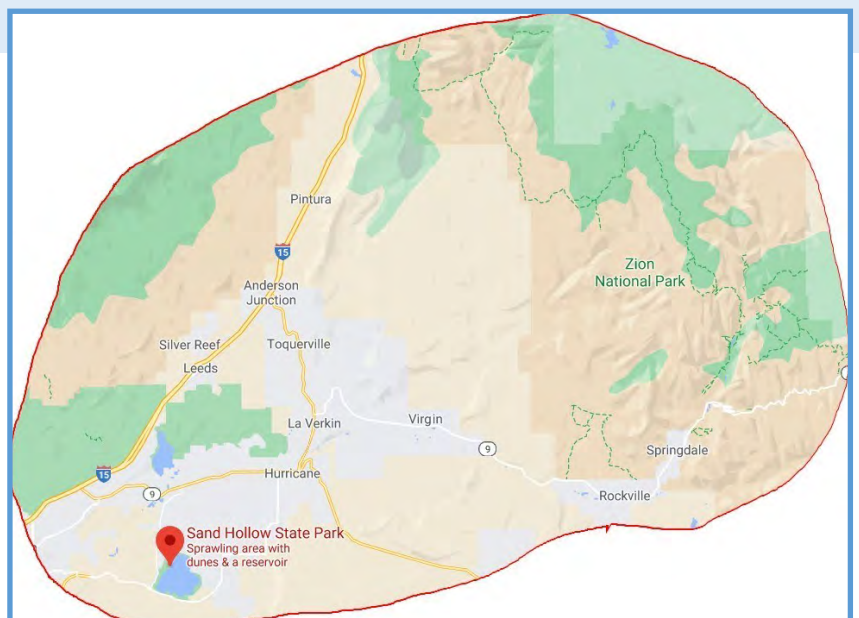


Photo by Chad Bradley - May, 2015





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## Club Meetings and Ride Schedule 2021

Month	Date	Location	Venue	Day	Time	Theme <sup>(1)</sup>
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 <sup>th</sup>	Lincoln	Montana Steak House	Sunday	1:00 PM	
May	21 <sup>st</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	Helena	Huddy's Outpost	Friday - Sunday	All Day	Bikes Needing Repair
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Hauser Lake	Lakeside on Hauser	Sunday	1:00 PM	Air Heads & Three Wheelers
June	24 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Great Falls	BMW MOA RALLY	Thursday – Sunday	All Day	Just Ride
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Choteau	Choteau City Park (Bring your own lunch)	Saturday	Noon	
July	18 <sup>th</sup>	Phillipsburg	Winninghoff Park	Sunday		
	28-31 & Aug 1 <sup>st</sup>	Helena	Base Camp Jorgenson's	Thursday – Saturday	Thursday Evening – All day Friday - Sunday	To Helena and Back, Paved, Unpaved & Combination
August	21 <sup>st</sup>	Powell, ID	Lochsa Lodge	Saturday	Noon PDT	K Bikes
September		Wapiti, WY	EYCAT			
		Roscoe, MT	Grizzly Bar	Sunday		GS/ADV
October	17 <sup>th</sup>	Ovando	Trixi's	Sunday	1:00 PM	Thumpers
November	20 <sup>th</sup>	Jackson	Jackson Hot Springs	Saturday	1:00 PM	
December	4 <sup>th</sup>	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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## CLASSIFIEDS

- 2 pair Happy Trail side cases - \$175/pair
- 1 Happy Trail top case - \$85.00
- Set of three black cases - \$240.00
- Prices at Belt, Montana

Counter offers will be considered.

Contact **Phil Haglund**

406-939-0600



See the second set of side bags on following page

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## **CLASSIFIEDS**



Phil Haglund and his BMW R75/5

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:crkeyes@icloud.com); 406-529-5454**

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## **ADVERTISING RATES 2020-2021**

### **FULL YEAR**—January through December

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

### **HALF YEAR**— July through December

Full Page	\$ 50.00
Half Page	\$ 37.00
Quarter Page	\$ 13.00
Business Card	\$ 10.00

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Montana BMW Riders does not provide artwork services.

All ads will be on a calendar year basis beginning in January of 2021. Ads will be billed to the advertiser in October of each year. Ads not paid by December 31st of each calendar year will be deleted beginning January.

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## MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER MASTHEAD

The Montana BMW Riders NEWSLETTER is Published Monthly.

Club Dues: \$15 per calendar year - Membership includes monthly electronic newsletter (or \$30 per year for snail mailed newsletter).

Monthly Meetings: Third Sunday of each month, 1 PM, unless specified otherwise. Location announced in Newsletter and on Web Page.

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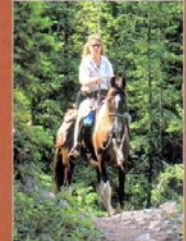
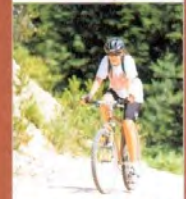
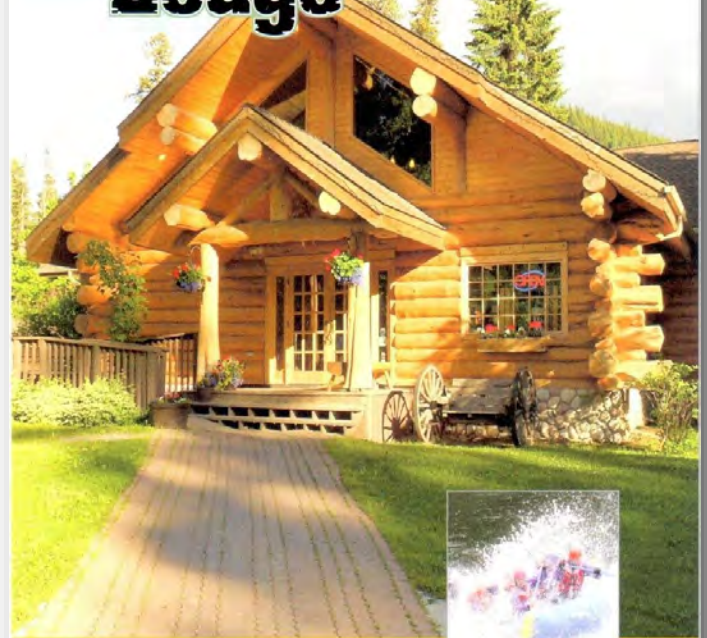
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