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## President's Corner



As the days grow longer and the snow melts away, the magic that is the Montana riding season approaches. And this year, it looks like we'll get the real thing back. I've had a shot in my arm and the bikes are off their center stands; I am ready to roll! This month I better avoid waxing poetic and make sure I address some of the good stuff that's coming our way in 2021.

I'm not fooling - April 1<sup>st</sup> marks the start of our club riding contest. Where else can you earn money simply by blasting around the state? And what better way to exert alpha dominance in the parking lots of our monthly lunch meetings. Simply lock eyes with a fellow club member, extend index finger toward your odometer, and punctuate with a knowing wink, or a slow nod of the head. There are multiple ways to win something from this contest, even if your riding opportunities are limited. See Mile Master Banister's column for details, and then be sure to enter.

If you're a BMW rider and member of the BMW MOA club, then you might also be thinking of entering that mileage contest. The form normally requires an authorizing signature or two, but this year the MOA is relaxing that rule as a COVID-safety response; instead of signatures on your form, you can email a photo of your odometer to contest manager Jim Low (details at: <https://www.bmwmoa.org/page/mileagecontest>). This means it's easier than ever before to enter. You'll have some stiff competition in this nationwide contest, but it's always good to see familiar names under the 'Montana' header in the published results. Last year we had nine Montanans complete the contest, which beats out our neighbor states (Idaho, Wyoming, North and South Dakota) plus Utah, Colorado, and Oregon. This year let's try get Montana into the double digits and throw shade on Washington!

Speaking of the BMW MOA, are you planning to attend the national rally in Great Falls this June 24-27? It really is quite a spectacle – three days of seminars, live music, demonstrations, vendors, and more. If you blended together a state fair, a vacuum cleaner sales convention, Woodstock, a sunburn care clinic, plus thousands of motorcycles and Medicare cards, you might get something that looks like this. Your admission ticket also buys you the opportunity to camp right there at the rally site (Montana ExpoPark). If that sounds appealing to you, then would you also consider serving as our club's Camping Czar? The responsibilities are minimal; mainly coordinating with Chartered Club Camping Committee Chairs Kevin and Annie Huddy to represent our club's camping area needs. Contact me if you'd be available for this special service to the club. Whether you're planning to camp or not, be sure to look for our orange and blue canopy tents in the exclusive **Montana BMW Riders** designated area. It's a refuge where you can find fellow members, compare notes and make plans, or just hang out in the shade.

Lastly, but most importantly - have you renewed your membership with the Montana BMW Riders for 2021? It's still a terrific \$15 bargain that garners you a year's worth of activities, newsletters, riding scholarships, raffle prize chances, vendor discounts – and of course the friendship and camaraderie of 110+ of the most interesting and impressive people around. Make sure you send that check to Treasurer Dave McCormack ASAP, then start making plans to get busy with the Montana BMW Riders in 2021. And this year, maybe tell a friend about us too!

*Chris Keyes*

President, Montana BMW Riders

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Secretary - Treasure's Column - Dave McCormack



April 1st... and we stop sending newsletters by email to unpaid members for failure to send in dues. As of this writing we have 85 paid members, of which there are 15 new members. All have decided that the MTBMWriders is a club worth supporting, even in the toughest of times. I remember Jerry Abbott (RIP) saying even when he quit riding at age 82, that 'he would always support motorcycling by paying his dues' to ensure that clubs like ours would survive and prosper.

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Last month Chris Keyes wrote in his column about car/tent camping and how he had momentarily taken his eye off motorcycling. I have to admit that in the last 3 months I have too.

I was introduced to the fine art of Cigar smoking. And I, being now 80, decided to join that exclusive club of outsiders. What could it hurt at this point in my life? Being somewhat anal about anything new, I have emersed myself in cigar equipment... cutters, lighters, hygrometers, and humidors. Since late January, I have been journaling about every cigar smoked with notes and ratings. If you once smoked a "Cuban Cigar" and fretted about being caught with an illegal stick, the world has changed. Now great smoking cigars are coming from Nicaragua, Colombia, Panama, Mexico, and of all places, Africa, and Indonesia. Many of the premium hand rolled cigars from Central America are being manufactured by many old families who escaped Cuba, not only with their talent but with seeds from the best Cuban tobacco plants being grown. Central America has similar soils and climate to make near perfect copies of those Cuban treasures. Any country on the same latitude as Cuba is a potential cigar business opportunity.

Now a cigar at a stopping point on a motorcycle journey is the perfect way to reflect and refresh from the ride. Only problem is that smoking of any kind, especially cigars, is prohibited almost everywhere except outdoors and 50' from any building. And during fire season, you're a pariah if you are in a state or national park...smoking. But it is what motorcycling is all about too...going solo, going against the grain, doing what others think is risky. Life is risky...that's half the fun of it.

If you are a current cigar lover, you'll always have my back patio in which to relax and refresh. You might even get a beverage....while we talk motorcycles. If you're a current Cigar lover...let me hear from you. If you see a someone smoking a cigar beside their bike, they're probably not waiting for a tow truck...They're just enjoying a stick before continuing. Thumbs up!

*Dave McCormack*

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Tom Moe - 33028 BMW MOA Regional Coordinator



On Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup>—somewhat celebrating my two weeks after the second vaccine dose— I was riding CA Highway 104 between Hwy 99 and Lone, California, about 50 miles southwest of Sacramento, a very familiar road to me as I had driven it many times in the past heading for a favorite golf course. I used to open up the Mercedes from time to time, hitting 100 MPH or so on a nice straight stretch. As I rode I thought about those times but for some reason, unknown to me even yet, I did not twist the throttle on the R1200RT, and sure enough, 500 to 1,000 feet later here comes a coyote crossing the road. Had I wicked up the RT – well who knows, it could have been a very “challenging moment”. Perhaps as we mature we develop some kind of “sixth sense”.

Starting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in June, I plan to pick a destination for lunch, a nice ride from **Bozeman**, hopefully I can find outdoor dining, a picnic place or other safe venue for a nice little get together and a reason to get out and ride. Then for July, August and September - stay tuned.

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The **BMW MOA 2021 Summer Mileage Contest** covers the period from 1 April 2021 through 31 October 2021. The **2021-22 Annual Mileage Contest** covers the period from 1 April 2021 through 31 March 2022.

- While the Start Form is your entry into both mileage contests, you may finish only one of the contests and the End Form submitted will determine which contest you finish.
- The Summer Mileage Contest end form will be included in the October issue of *BMW Owners News* and The Annual Mileage Contest end form will be included in the March issue of *BMW Owners News*.

Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the MOA mileage contests will temporarily relax the signature requirements when submitting mileage contest start and end forms. An easy option is to email digital photos of your odometer readings to me at [JIM LOW](mailto:jim_low@mileagecontest@bmwmoa.org) at [mileagecontest@bmwmoa.org](mailto:mileagecontest@bmwmoa.org). Please note on the verification signature line of your mileage form that you have emailed photos to me for your starting or ending mileage. Other forms of verification are also allowed including recent maintenance performed by your local shop as long as the mileage is shown on the service order. Other allowances will also be made. Just email me to let me know your thoughts. Thanks to all who participate and remember to stay safe.

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



The world's largest BMW motorcycle giveaway is back for 2021. The **BMW MOA Foundation's** popular fundraiser, the Superstakes, returns this year and **BMW MOA** members have a chance to win twenty new BMW motorcycles, including two grand prizes – a 2021 K 1600 B and a 2021 40th Anniversary edition R 1250 GS Adventure.

The winning begins on **Thursday, June 24 at the Saddle Up & Ride National Rally in Great Falls**, when the Foundation will draw six winning numbers in the first flight of giveaways all about the RRRRRRRs. Prize motorcycles on the first day of winning include an S 1000 RR, S 1000 R, S 1000 XR, F 900 R, F 900 XR and a G 310 R.

Day two of winning features a little something for the more traditional BMW motorcycle enthusiast. The Foundation will draw another six winning numbers on **Friday, June 25** and award a 2021 R 18, R 1250 RT, R 1250 RS, R 1250 GS, R 1250 R and a 2021 R nine T Pure.

The winning continues **Saturday, June 26**, when we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the GS and give away six 40th Anniversary edition GSes, including an R 1250 GS, F 850 GS Adventure, F 850 GS, F 750 GS, R nine T Urban GS and a G 310 GS. Later in the evening, two grand prizes will be awarded on the entertainment stage. Two winners will ride home on either a new K 1600 B or a 40th Anniversary R 1250 GS Adventure.

Could this year be the first for a repeat winner in the Superstakes? Possibly, since every ticket is included in all 20 drawings and you do not have to be present in Great Falls to win a new BMW motorcycle!

Superstakes tickets are on sale through **May 30, 2021** for \$100 each and can be [PURCHASED ONLINE](#), by mail or by calling the **BMW MOA** membership office at **(864) 438-0962**. There is no limit to the number of tickets that can be purchased and the odds of winning depend on the final number of entries.

Proceeds from the sale of Superstakes tickets support the Foundation's mission to advance rider safety, education, and training. For more information about the BMW MOA Foundation and its work to support rider safety, visit [BMWMAOF.ORG](http://BMWMAOF.ORG).

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

## **CONTEST RULES**

- 1) Superstakes ticket sales begin March 15, 2021 and end May 30, 2021. Tickets may also be purchased at the **National Rally, June 24-26, 2021.**
- 2) All ticket orders must be RECEIVED on or before **May 30, 2021.**
- 3) Superstakes tickets may be ordered online at BMWMOA.ORG/SUPERSTAKES, by calling **(864) 438-0962** or by mailing the Superstakes order blank posted in the BMW Owners News. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the National Rally.
- 4) Complete prize list is available online at [bmwmoaf.org](http://bmwmoaf.org).
- 5) **TICKET HOLDER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN – ALL PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED.**
- 6) Multiple ticket purchases by a single buyer are permissible.
- 7) You must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a ticket.
- 8) Any ticket number can win more than one prize.
- 9) Odds of winning depend on final number of tickets sold.
- 10) All winning numbers will be drawn between **Thursday, June 24 and Saturday, June 26, 2021.**
- 11) Complete winners list will be posted at [BMWMOAF.ORG](http://BMWMOAF.ORG).
- 12) Winners claiming their prize must present winning number and PHOTO IDENTIFICATION.
- 13) Winners are subject to all applicable taxes. Consult your local tax professional for exact tax liability.
- 14) The BMW MOA Foundation reserves the right to replace, substitute or exchange any of the prizes listed with a similar prize of equal or greater value.
- 15) BMW MOA Foundation Board members, BMW MOA employees, contractors and their immediate families are ineligible to win. Immediate family defined as spouse and dependent children.
- 16) The BMW MOA, BMW MOA Foundation, their officers, directors, employees, volunteers, sponsors or any person or organization affiliated with BMW MOA will not assume any liability for any loss, injury, claim or otherwise resulting from any prize obtained through the sale of a ticket. By submitting an order for a Superstakes ticket and receiving a drawing number, the buyer acknowledges this limitation of liability and assumes any liability and will hold harmless the BMW MOA Foundation or any affiliate for any liability resulting from the purchase of this ticket or any prize resulting therefrom.

Ride safe and keep the rubber side down.

*Tom Moe*

BMW MOA Regional Coordinator

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BMW AMBASSADORS - Kevin and Annie Huddy



**Greetings!** Since 2015, this has been the time of year when we remind everyone about our upcoming **Tech-Day** that traditionally takes place in mid-May. We look forward to the Tech-Day because it means the riding season is really here, we get to see friends we haven't seen in a long time and we meet new friends. We also get to help people prepare their motorcycles for the riding season. Sometimes the help is just providing a place for riders to do their own work, sometimes it is lending a hand, and sometimes the help means doing a job that is beyond the rider's ability. Thankfully, we've always had some generous support from some experienced motorcycle wrenches. We are confident we will have a Tech-Day this year and that we will again have some able bodied gearheads to help people when needed - we just do not know for certain when Tech-Day will take place. At this moment Tech-Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, but we will not hold Tech-Day in May unless the US/Canadian border is open and crossing it does not incur onerous conditions such as a quarantine. We considered this carefully. Every year since its inception, Tech-Day has included a strong contingent from Canada, and we want the tradition to continue. Our Canadian friends contribute greatly and help people keep motorcycles on the road when no other option for help is available. Unfortunately, it does not look promising for the border to be open in time for a May Tech-Day. Last week the closure was extended to April 21<sup>st</sup>. We can expect that for any additional extension to be announced in mid-April. In any case, we will make a final decision no later than **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. Should the May Tech-Day be postponed we intend to hold Tech-Day on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, so please mark your calendars.

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In June Montana will host what has traditionally been the largest annual gathering of BMW riders in North America. The BMW Motorcycle Owners of America National Rally will take place in Great Falls at the ExpoPark on June 24-27, 2021. If you've been to a National before, then you know it is a great time; if you have not attended a National, then it is high time that you do. Everything you need to know about the rally can be found at: <https://rally.bmwmoa.org>. Many rally goers camp on the rally grounds, and many of them like to camp with other members of their local club. Each year there is a camping area set aside for Chartered Club Camping and this year we are the co-chairs of the Chartered Club Camping Committee. Our responsibility is to work with club Points Of Contact (POC) to determine how many people in each club are camping and then allocate space to each participating club. The Montana BMW Riders need a POC. If you wish to camp with other club members and are willing to be the club's POC, then please inform President Chris Keyes and then contact us at [huddykl@gmail.com](mailto:huddykl@gmail.com). The duties of POC are not time consuming or difficult. The POC will get a headcount of people wanting to camp together and provide that information to us. At the rally you can assist us in getting people to their camping area and passing on information to your club members. If you want to discuss this with us before making a commitment, then please contact us.

*Kevin and Annie*



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Historian - Kim Lemke



The Motorcycle Safety Foundation new coaches training has 12 students starting training the first week of May. The basic course appears to be in demand statewide as classes are rapidly filling. To register for all courses, go to:

- [MMRS: Register for a Class \(msun.edu\)](http://msun.edu)



The MONTANA BMW RIDERS Club founder, Bill Larson holding a BMW MOA Medallion. MOA used to send one (on request,) when MOA membership was renewed. Club awarded to Bill for founding the club.

## From April 2009 Newsletter:

- *President Ed Field Thanked Ken Conrad and others for past service to the Club. Chuck Reaves Continued as VP, Ken Taylor did the Newsletter.*
- *March saw 9 Riders; Chuck & I had an Odyssey ! A few others also arrived by 4 wheels.*
- *Ken did not have the Ural until years later. Ed mentioned a T-shirt order; I did not get one, If you have the 2009 vintage Club shirt fire a Photo to the Editor!*
- *Western MT section met at P-burg April 19 and Eastern MT at Joliet!*
- *Kim Lemke was asking members to Please enter the Mileage contest; I always thought a few more made my efforts worthwhile.*

*Kim Lemke*



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## Reports from the Road - First Rides



Hi Dick,  
This was actually my first introduction to BMW motorcycles. It is a 1994 K1100RS, manufactured in 08/93 - I picked it up 10 years ago down in Twin Falls. Kind of interesting history to this - it was originally a gift to a gal on the WordPerfect development team upon completion of some big event. Looking at Wikipedia - it looks like it could have either been the release of version 6.0 in 1993, or the sale to Novell in 1994. Apparently she either did not ride or did not have much interest in it and sold it to a collector, who then ended up selling to the person I bought it from. I am the 4th owner. It had just 11,000 miles on it and I had the rare opportunity to take a 17 year old motorcycle it for it's first (major) service. Here is another shot of it. I hope the world is treating you good and you have lots of planned rides on the books.

*Pat* (Endres)

A collage of images. The top left is a map of Montana with a blue route and labels for Billings, Crow Indian Reservation, and Custer National Forest. The top right is a photo of Mike Hofferber on a red and black motorcycle. The bottom left is a photo of a long, straight road stretching into the distance. The bottom right is a photo of Pat Endres on a red BMW motorcycle in front of a building labeled 'Cowboys'. A small 'Wikimedia' watermark is visible in the bottom right corner of the collage.



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## Reports from the Road - First Rides



John and Janet Webster, looking dressed for the weather, made the run to Drummond for their first ride. No mention of pie and coffee, but I am betting that was the self-reward.

*Editor*



Hey Richard.

This is **Jason Andreas** and did my first ride of the year last weekend on a 1986 K100RS with members **Mark Ellzey** (BMW RT) and **Paul Smietanka** (Moto guzzi Stelvio) outside of Helena.

*Jason*



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Your editor and member **Dean Hall** thought lunch at the Stray Bullet in Ovando on a cloudy 32<sup>o</sup> day would be a good 'first ride' adventure. After several stops to contemplate the wisdom of our decision, we rode on, only to find that the Stray Bullet as well as Trixi's were closed. As luck would have it, the less frequented BLACKFOOT COMMERCIAL Co. and Ovando Inn was serving homemade chicken noodle soup and fresh homemade bread. It is in fact, an Inn, as described by the owners, Fred and Leigh Ann Valiton (also crafter of the chicken noodle soup and bread, as well as the teacher in the local school, and part-time cook at the Stray Bullet). They also have non-ethanol gasoline, so I topped off before leaving.

We were glad we dropped in to warm up and 'fuel' up for the return trip to Missoula.

*Editor*



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## Reports from the Road - First Rides - (continued)



Don Deuel

For each of the past several years, Honda Gold Wing club members, **Greg Hintz** and **Don Deuel** trailer their bikes south while the snow is still on the ground in Montana and start a loop across the United States. This year, they left Montana February 28<sup>th</sup> unloaded their bikes in Cedar City, Utah and headed east. They covered over 9,230 miles, completed three Iron Butt Rallies and, touched 20 states in 23 days. Some of the photos of their ride are shown in the following sections.




Greg Hintz





 **Donald Deuel**  
9m · 🌐

Went to the Iron Butt Rally in Jacksonville, Fl again this year and did a 1,000 miles ride in less than 24 hours and another 1,000 miles at the rally and then went to Daytona Bike Week. Also visited the capital in Tallahassee.



 **Greg Hintz**  
3h · 🌐

Interesting day today. Rode from Wilmington NC this morning to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel for a trip north and a trip south. Spending the night in Chesapeake VA!



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 **Greg Hintz**  
March 4 at 4:07 PM · 🧑


Visited Hoover Damn this week, standing on the Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge for the selfie! Enjoy!




 **Greg Hintz**  
March 16, 2012 · 🌐


Friends often ask Katie what her dad does now that he is retired. Her reply is "laundry". Nice laundromat in Temple Texas. I get to meet the locals.




 **Greg Hintz**  
March 18 at 11:26 AM · 🧑

Bristol Motor Speedway, TN.  
In a rainstorm!



 **Greg Hintz**  
March 4 at 8:33 PM · 🧑



**Brian Classen ▶ Long Distance Motorcycle Riding**  
March 3 at 8:11 AM · Lexington, KY · 🌐

Turn around or gun it? [#KentuckyFlooding](#) [#sarcasm](#) — at Proud Mary BBQ.



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Pat Endres, Mike Hofferber and Rich Bradley, a Ducati Multistrada rider, made a 317 mile 'first' ride from Billings to Sheridan and return.

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## Fire Lookout Challenge - Stark Mountain

### STARK MOUNTAIN LOOKOUT

First used in 1934 with a 30' pole L-4 tower, the present 20' treated timber tower with R-6 flat cab was built in 1964. It may be staffed in the summer, and is listed on the National Historic Lookout Register.

Lolo National Forest

16 miles southeast of Superior

Mineral County, Montana

Elevation 7349'

[USGS Benchmark SU1123](#)

[Geocache](#)



Gary Weber col.

*Click for larger image*



Photos courtesy the Fire Lookout Museum and Gary Weber

Stark Mountain, Montana 59846 to Tarkio, MT

Drive 18.5 miles, 57 min



Editor's note: This was a horseback ride for me when I was about 10-11 years old, to the structure in the upper right.

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## New Members



Many of you already know **Michael Reaves**, off-spring of long time club member **Chuck Reaves**. Mike got his start in motorcycling at an early age, about ten or eleven years old as he recalls, on a Honda 50 cc. He remembers test riding it, with no previous riding experience, on the Missoula County Fair Grounds, committing all of the errors and resulting falls as you might expect of a novice rider.



He did continue to hone his skills in the Blue Mountain Road area until a Yamaha 225, street legal dual sport became his ride. He completed the Motorcycle Safety Foundation basic course before he had his Montana drivers license. He remembers riding the Yamaha on the "Bird Watch" trail (track) off of Roller Coaster road west of Missoula, as well as a portion of the Lolo Motorway. His ride during high school was a Kawasaki KLR 650 which carried him on some trips into Canada with his father. Next came a Suzuki DR650 and off-road riding in the Big Hole area. This sustained him until he fell heir to whatever bike his father was not riding at the time, usually a BMW F650GS.



Meet **Rebecca Coursey** from Bozeman. Originally from Baltimore, Maryland with roots, family and history in New Mexico, she has been associated with Montana since the mid-1980s as a student in Math education at the University of Montana.

Some of the club members may have met her at one of our usual stops, the Visitor's Center on Lolo Pass. Rebecca operated the center for two summers, 1984 and 1985 in its prior configuration. On a later visit, she was able to locate some of the interpretive artwork she developed. She returned to Montana after a teaching career

in mathematics at a private school in New Mexico. A love of the outdoors, adventure hiking and camping eventually drew her to motorcycling, with the idea that off-road riding may satisfy her quest for adventure. She does not refer to it as 'impulse', but perusing motorcycle magazines, and many trips to the Bozeman Harley-Davidson show room, she put her money down on a 2014 Harley-Davidson 883 Sportster, with no previous riding experience, let alone training and a license. But the die was cast. Motorcycle Safety Foundation training and a license quickly followed, and the Harley ended up in her driveway, courtesy of the HD salesman. Determination overcame intimidation, and a nearby gravel parking area became her training ground. The drops became fewer, and rides became longer until she was an accomplished rider. Soon 8,000 miles per year became the norm, rides to New Mexico to visit family, solo trips to Orcas Island in Puget Sound, loops through Canada and just day rides around Bozeman. Not satisfied with 'just' riding skills, she signed up for track days with Red Pridmore, riding a track furnished Honda CBR 300. These sessions gave her seat time at Streets of Willow, Laguna Seca Raceway and Virginia International Raceway. Rebecca eventually acquired one of the track prepared Honda CBR 300 motorcycles.



Streets of Willow on the CBR300

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## New Members - (continued)

With her eye on off-road riding, and camping, a 2019 BMW F750GS made its way to her garage, which is currently being outfitted with a lower suspension and seat to better match her frame. Just to ensure she has the skills to off-road on the BMW, she scheduled a full week in May 2021 with Motodiscovery's "Small Group Immersion Motorcycle Training" in Moab, Utah. Riding will be on a school provided Yamaha 250.



Rebecca now has a private practice, **The Songbird Healing Studio**, in the Rolf Method of Structural Integration (often termed "Rolfing") in Bozeman. Much of her work is influenced by movement practices, studies in Rolf Movement and Feldenkrais training. Motorcycle Riding has increased a lot of understanding of the subtlety of weight changes, use of body in subtle and refined ways.

Rebecca has a daughter, Galen, who is near 27 years old, and also lives in Bozeman. Galen does not (yet) ride a motorcycle, but can out-ski and backpack a lot further than her mom!

Rebecca is looking forward to meeting other MONTANA BMW RIDER club members and participating in both the social and riding activities. We hope to see, and ride with Rebecca often.



Meet **Rachel Reaves**, and her new Honda CB 300. Rachel is essentially starting fresh in motorcycling, even though she is the off-spring of an avid and long-time motorcyclist, **Chuck Reaves** and the older sister of **Michael Reaves** (see the previous "New Member"). Rachel acquired the CB 300 in early 2020 and after a few basic training days with her father, was sidelined as the Covid-19 pandemic curtailed our activities. We hope to see Rachel on her bike as some of the Club meetings.

*Editor*

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## **New Members - (continued)**



My name is **Dan Hubing**, a new member of the Montana BMW RIDERS group. Currently, I am living in Door County Wisconsin, on a dirt road, just north of Sturgeon Bay, WI, on the bluff overlooking the Bay of Green Bay. Sunsets every night!

Why a motorcycle club in Montana? My son lives there with his wife and two daughters (ages 8 and 4). The pandemic prevented us from visiting our granddaughters. Can't say no to little cute granddaughters, no matter how good the sunsets are and roaring fires in the fireplace every chilly night.

I've been riding my 2006 R1200GS out to Missoula every year for the last 10 years. I take Rt 2 from Duluth, MN to Williston, ND.

From Williston, I go south to Rt 200 and travel directly to Missoula.

Being afraid of heights, I've taken the Going to the Sun road four times and a couple of Beartooth Pass rides. Go figure!

In 1980, back in Milwaukee, I started commuting to work, 12 miles round trip, on a Honda 75 cc dirt bike. After three-months, the guy who sold the 75 Honda to me wanted it back. Then a 125CC Honda helped me out, then a Yamaha 400 showed up in my garage. Wanting to ride further, a 1981 Honda CX500 Silver Wing became my ride for the next ten years. Went to the Smoky Mountains on the Silver Wing with a friend on her BMW R60/5 airhead. I finally went to BMW myself, in 2002, with a 1996 R1100RT; so much fun on that bike. Then, I got rear-ended on Thanksgiving day in 2006. With the RT totaled, and me walking away, I found a three month old 2006 R1200GS at the BMW dealer in Milwaukee. (The previous owner traded up to the 2006 1200 GSA model.)

My hobbies are volunteering at non-profits, such as Habitat for Humanity and teaching Windows 10 and Apple iOS to folks that have a hard time learning new technology. I also teach Coding for Kids at our local Boys and Girls Club and deliver Meals on Wheels with my wife.

Back when I started riding the R1100RT, I started long distance riding. They may not be 'long' to some of you, but for me they were "long". I wrote three articles for the magazine on my "4 Directions" trips. So I went south to Texas, West to Missoula, East & North to Deals Gap, the Finger Lakes and then up to Canada before heading south to Milwaukee.

I'm looking forward to more riding the roads in the West. (One day I'll tell you about my near drowning on the Salmon river in Idaho.)

*Dan Hubing*



# MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

## Senior Motorcyclist

Rich Edwards updated the group cover photo. Admin · +2 · March 6 at 2:25 AM · 🌐

**About**  
This is a group for motorcycle enthusiasts over the age of 60. While some give up riding, there are many men and women who continue enjoying their motorcycles for many years. Many adapt to life's inevitable changes by choosing different bikes or different riding behaviors. I have arthritis in my hands, so I am now riding Hondas with the DCT transmission; no clutch. I also have an electric Zero motorcycle which I can also enjoy without a clutch. As an 'older' motorcyclist, what do you look for to help you continue riding? Please...no politics, no religion, no nastiness. See Less

**Public**  
Anyone can see who's in the group and what they post.

**Visible**  
Anyone can find this group.

**General Group**

Several years ago it seemed like the BMW MOA Owner's News had a flurry of articles about older riders lamenting when and how to decide it was time to park their bike for the last time. Rich Edwards decided he would do something about that, and started a FACEBOOK page with the only criteria for joining was 60 plus years old, and ride a motorcycle, which by observation includes three-wheelers of all configurations. He started the page in December 2020 and has attracted 2,500 plus

'members'. The site has a world-wide following, and, it appears about ten percent are female riders. I noticed that several of the 'mature' MONTANA BMW RIDERS have joined the FACEBOOK page, including your editor. (I actually secretly gloated a bit, thinking I would be the oldest. That was dispelled quickly, as you will see in some of the following clips from the website.) *Editor*

Sam Manicom ► Motorcycle Touring · 18h · 🌐

I've no doubt you guys will enjoy this. The latest episode of Adventure Rider Radio has Jim Martin talking with the one & only Ted Simon. Ted is 90 in a few days; still riding & inspiring! It's a great chat. 👍👍 Much respect.

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Jim Martin ► GS Giants · 16h · 🌐

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Jim Little ► Senior Motorcyclists · 3h · 🌐

Jan 30 · 🌐 · Didn't start riding till I was 75, now 81 and hope to ride till 91 at least.

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## Senior Motorcyclist - continued

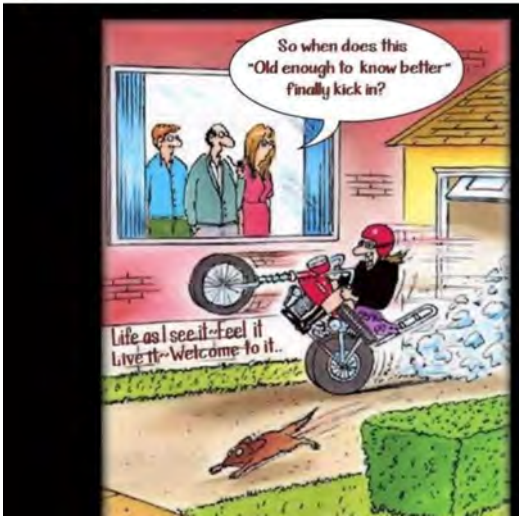


Walter Moore ▶ Senior Motorcyclists

1h · 🌐

Thanks for letting me join. I am a Senior Motorcyclist, but not an experienced one. I took my first motorcycle training class on my 60th birthday last summer. After passing the test, I bought this Honda. Keep learning new things. That is the point.

Peter Harvey ▶ Senior Motorcyclists  
Yesterday at 3:24 PM 🌐



Tim Gundlach ▶ Senior Motorcyclists

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Jan 4 · 🌐 · My friend 94 year old Erv Daley and his 166,000 mile DR650. Erv can still twist a throttle pretty well!



Deborah Parsons ▶ Senior Motorcyclists

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Jan 29 · 🌐 · I am 69 and have been riding for 36 years. I have toured all of North America and many countries. My favorite was Ireland and next Germany. I am an Iron Butt award holder, bu...

facebook.com  
Deborah Parsons's post



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## Senior Motorcyclist - continued



John G Conway ▶ Senior Motorcyclists

2h · 🌐

Riding The Natchez Trace Sunny high 70s plus turned 70 this year Piaggio MP3 500 totally enjoyable relaxing ride



Rich Edwards ▶ Senior Motorcyclists

11h · 🌐

This is Elspeth Beard, a British architect and motorcyclist who is 61 now. This picture was taken when she was younger and became the first British woman to ride a bike around the world. This is the kind of photograph of a woman we would encourage here.

The reason for this post is to mention another post that appeared today. It wasn't obscene. But it was a photo of a naked woman draped across an Indian motorcycle. Some thought it was fine to post this picture. But I received a number of 'member-reported content' complaints from women members who thought it was inappropriate. We want to make this a place where all members feel comfortable and women make up 7% of our membership. So in the future, please do not post such photographs. We will be composing a new rule about this soon. — with Elspeth Beard.



Wynne Benti ▶ Senior Motorcyclists

3h · 🌐

Mary McGee. AMA Hall of Fame.  
 First woman to race in a US MC/FIM sanctioned motorcycle race in the US – 1960  
 First woman to finish the Baja 1000 – 1968  
 First woman to Road Race motorcycles in the US  
 First woman to race Motocross in the US  
 First woman to compete with Europeans in International motocross in the US  
 First and only woman to ride the Baja 500 solo – 1975



Hall of Famer Mary McGee

It was my first time at a Women's Motorcycle Conference... I had recently been named Motor...



Donna Schoenfeldt ▶ Senior Motorcyclists

9h · 🌐

A trip to Arizona and my friend has a Spyder. Lucky me I can enjoy the wind in my face this early in the season, since Wisconsin is not quite there. We put on 800 miles.



# ***MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER***

## **MONTANA BMW RIDERS Mileage Contest - 2021 - Larry Banister**

With the return of spring and riding, we are back into our **MONTANA BMW RIDERS** annual mileage contest. If you're receiving the BMWMOA news, you'll have two forms in it, one for their annual mileage contest which ends March 31, 2021, the second for the summer contest...which would be the one we're copying for our Montana BMW riders contest. The rules of our contest mirror theirs in so far as the beginning and ending dates....Starting Date April 1, 2021, ending date October 31, 2021.

From that point of departure, we have a few different rules:

- 1) To participate in our contest, you must be a paid up member of the Montana BMW Riders.
- 2) To participate, you need to submit your name, address and the motorcycle or motorcycles you intend to campaign this year. You may campaign any and all motorcycles you own, but you must provide the make, model and year of the motorcycle and it's beginning mileage a/o **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. This information must be submitted in writing (via snail mail, email) to be received **BEFORE APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>** in order for you to officially participate in this year's contest. (If you're participating in the national BMWMOA mileage event, you can send me a copy of the form that you sent to them.)
- 3) Unlike the BMWMOA's contest, we will accept any brand of motorcycle (see #2 above).
- 4) If you buy an new motorcycle during the contest period (or a bike that's new to you) and you want to use it in this year's contest, you can send me the make, model, year and beginning mileage of that bike and I will add that to your stable of qualified motorcycles.
- 5) I will remind all of our participants as we near the end of this year's contest (10/31/21), to send in your ending mileage which will need to be received before November 15, 2021.

Those who enter as per 1-4 above, and submit their ending mileage within the deadline, will be eligible for our drawing for CASH at the annual Christmas party.

It is a great year to participate. We have a number of club adventures planned, as well as the "2021 Adventure Riders Lookout Challenge" and the "One Room Schoolhouse Contest" contest, all of which are great opportunities to get out and ride. Additionally, if you're like me, perhaps this year will be a bit more conducive do riding with some friends... (think ride and eat!!).

Thanks for allowing me to monitor the contest again this year, I look forward to a great bunch of enthusiastic riders participating. My mailing address is 102 Ironwood Place, Missoula, MT 59803, and my email address is [beemermt@msn.com](mailto:beemermt@msn.com). (If you need to give me a call....lot's of luck, but the number is **406-274-3887**.)

See you on the road!

*Larry*

Larry Banister  
Montana BMW Riders Mileage Contest Coordinator.



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## Dirt Biking big Bikes in Southern Utah



Jared Bearid had hoped to lead group of adventure riders on trails and roads in the area surrounding Moab, Utah in March. Apparently COVID-19 dampened the enthusiasm to the point the trip was cancelled. Jared hopes to plan another trip next year and will keep the MONTANA BMW RIDERS advised the plans.

*Editor*

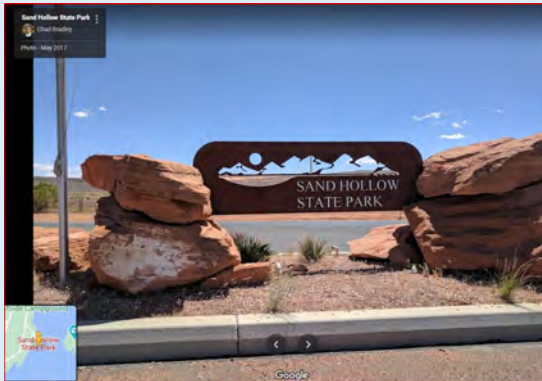
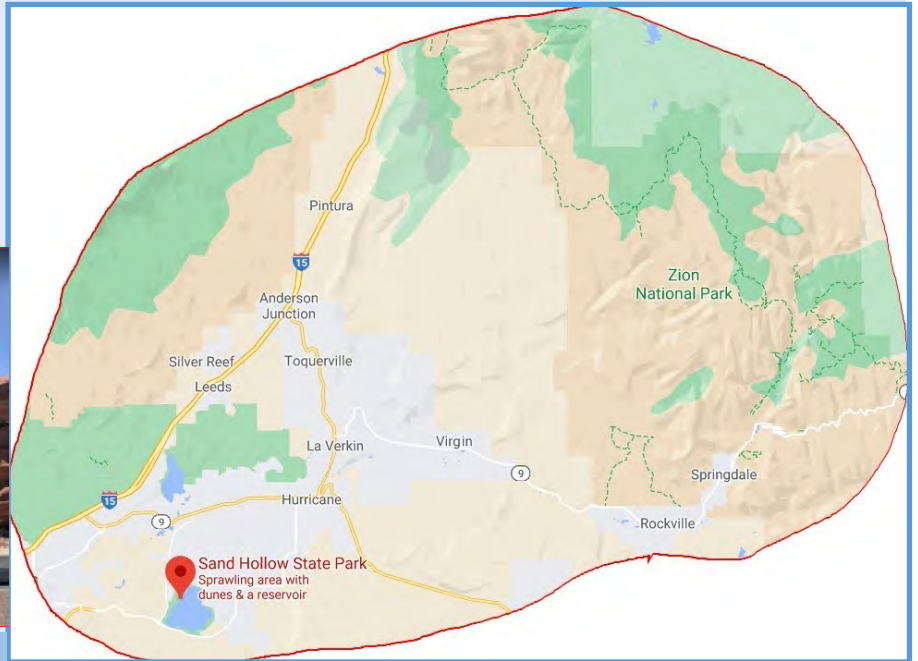


Photo by Chad Bradley - May, 2015



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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 <b>(Bring your own lunch)</b>	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 PST	K Bikes
September	19 <sup>th</sup>	Roscoe, MT	Grizzly Bar	Sunday	Noon	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	
<b>The "Theme" is to encourage riders of the type of bike noted, to ride that motorcycle to the event.</b>						

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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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### MotoCentric Hi-Viz mesh motorcycle jacket.

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- CE Level 1 shoulder and elbow protection.
- Foam back pad. The stock padding can be replaced with D30 protection.
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# ***MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER***

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

**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

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

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

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**

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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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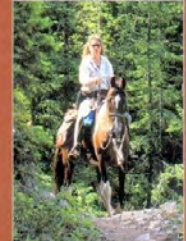
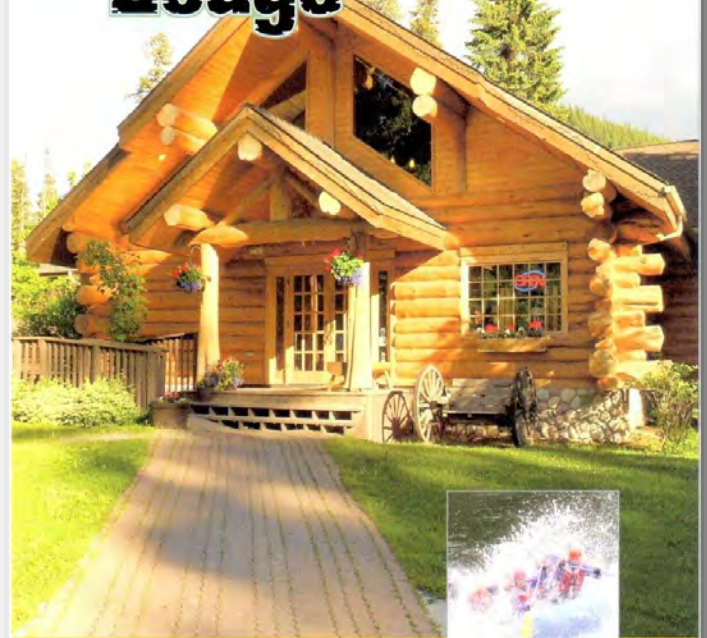
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