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President's Corner



If the 2020 riding season was the-one-that-wasn't, then it seems as if we might remember 2021 as the summer of incessant heat and smoke. Maybe it's the unchanging oppressive weather that makes it seem that our last meeting in Philipsburg was ages ago, but in reality, it was just a bit more than two weeks ago. Another good turnout, and a good mix of members both new and old – er, seasoned. It's very interesting how the attendance roster is shaping up at the meetings this year. You just never know exactly who you're going to find at any one of these gatherings. You stand a very good chance of seeing some familiar friends, some others you haven't seen for a while, and a few more folks that you're meeting for the first time. That unpredictable shuffled deck of motorcyclists and motorcycles makes for a festive and fresh event each time.

Shade was the scarce item in Philipsburg; we found enough along the boardwalk beside the warming hut, but – surprise! – it turns out that an outdoor ice rink doesn't have a lot of shade. I admit I wasn't thinking so much about shade when we were setting the ride calendar way back during the winter months. **Marrea Matthews** (Hamilton) drew the first winning raffle ticket and sheltered her new bottle of *The Biker* zinfandel in the pannier of her F650; our **Mark Johnson** (Kalispell) and **Victor Johnson** (Lincoln) won the post-rally BMW MOA gear – towel/patch set, and 10-liter dry bag – but I'm afraid I can't recall exactly which one won which.

I would've liked to join up with the folks in Helena last weekend, even if only for a day or an evening, but I just couldn't find the time to break away from Missoula. All my time went into tying up work and home in preparation for the impending move. I've heard that our final moments on earth will feature a cinematic retrospective, a kind of biographical motion picture of one's own life. I hope that's not exactly how it works – the mortality part anyway – because I've been experiencing something along those lines during the past couple of weeks, as I call a wrap to the last 14 years of life in Montana and work at the University of Montana. All the structures, patterns, and relationships that make up our careers and lives – how permanent and lasting they feel, yet how ephemeral they really are. I'm sure in the weeks and months ahead I'll be mourning the loss of many of mine, including the unexpected and wonderful friendships I've made through this club. Maybe this is what it takes to get a true sense of how fleeting our time is, and how special are the people that we pass it with. For someone who chose to focus the past three decades on forests rather than people, this late discovery comes as a revelation, mixed with some vexation.

The U-Haul truck in my driveway is nearly packed and my house is nearly bare. For now, anyway, I've ridden my last Montana miles. Both my BMWs are strapped down, side by side on the utility trailer, ready for the long trip downslope toward the Gulf. The next riding miles I accrue on them will be on Louisiana soil, or more likely, Louisiana pavement. All roads lead somewhere, and if my Rand McNally Road atlas can be trusted, bunches of interesting-looking routes connect Montana to Louisiana. I've enjoyed the time we've spent together, and I look forward to seeing you again – here, there, or somewhere in between.

Chris Keyes - President, Montana BMW Riders

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Secretary - Treasure's Column - Dave McCormack



Ordinarily I try to pepper my small column with some financial news about the club, but I did that last month. This time let's talk about the Secretary part of the job. Keeping track of the various inputs on the By-Law revisions wasn't all that bad except when it came to viewing the edits each person decided to insert or delete. I'm no longer computer competent and couldn't figure out how to see the revisions and edits. But we talked and made decisions about the revisions that we believed would benefit the membership. What Chris mailed out this past weekend is a compilation of inputs that took place over the last 6 months. Hopefully you'll agree that this an understandable framework from which the club can continue to grow and prosper. Folks who see or suggest edits from here on out should reference the Article number so that we can make changes a little at a time rather than asking the membership to approve the full by-laws as we have now.

As of this writing, **Chris Keyes**, our club president is packing the last remnants of his household treasures and preparing to make the final trip to Louisiana. Although he is just "changing addresses" in the club master list, he essentially is leaving Montana and not planning to return until he retires, maybe. In the year or so that Chris has been president, he has presided over the Covid crisis just as he took office, has overseen the successful change out of the website, was instrumental in changing us all into a picnic crowd, and did a fantastic job of hosting the first ever Zoom Christmas party. I enjoyed working with him as did the rest of the group. Safe travels, my friend.

I attended part of the Helena and Back weekend festivities hosted by **Mike and Ken**. From what I could tell, most folks would come back and do it again if the weather and smoke were more hospitable. Hot and choking ash spoiled what was pretty much a fun weekend. The hotel was very hard working at ensuring we had good food and service. Some of us, me included, found that by doing breakfast, riding, and dinner together, we actually got to know some really interesting folks. Well done, Ken and Mike.

There's another change brought on by Covid and what's happened to our economy. Whereas we were to have a meeting in Three Forks at The Three Forks Café in September, I was informed that the café was closing as soon as the star waitress went back to college. **So, our September meeting in Three Forks will be on the lawn at the Sacagawea Inn instead...actually the picnic area at the museum across from the hotel. Bring a lunch or buy one at the local market and meet us all outdoors at the Three Forks Museum.**

Just to get you all ready, we will be holding an election in February of 2022. The election will only be for the President's position. The other two officers, Vice President and Sec/Treasurer are on two-year terms and their seats won't be available until Feb 2023. However, if either of those individuals decide to run for the president's position and win, then their positions get filled by appointment for the balance of the term. If you're interested, begin thinking about it and watch for news in November about how to nominate yourself or someone else. You must be a fully paid-up member to run for election and to vote.

Dave McCormack

Secretary—Treasure
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Tom Moe - 33028 BMW MOA Regional Coordinator



I just got off the Regional Coordinator monthly call, membership in BMWMOA is still perhaps the most pressing issue. Efforts are being made to retain and increase membership. Hopefully National

can continue to retain and increase membership as it is of course the lifeblood of the MOA. Let us do what we can to retain and increase membership in both clubs.

Since the National Rally I have been busy with company and camping trips so no real motorcycle adventures to report from here, haven't been on the bike since I got back from Great Falls. Darn, oh well, such is life.

I was pleased to see a pair of women riders from my Sacramento club the, River City Beemers, placed 1st and 2nd in the BMWMOA mileage contest, Brenda Gay with 21,615 miles and Laura Strom Musgrave with 14,842 miles. Wonderful to see women so involved in riding and the club. Unfortunately, news has come that Laura was in an accident in southern Utah returning from Paonia and lost her life. Details of the accident are sketchy so I will not share what I don't know for sure. She was an admired and solid member of the RCB and much loved by her family and friends.

One thing that has been reinforced in my mind from the accident is the importance of keeping your mobile phone on your person. It was reported her bike was severely damaged and caught fire. Her riding companions (I feel very bad for them, they will never be able to unsee the accident) knew her number so the UHP called it to find the phone to call her "in case of emergency" numbers. Had UHP not been able to call the phone it may have never been found and much harder and slower to contact family. This contact would be even more important for a badly injured unconscious survivor to get family contacted.

Two summers past another fellow I know was badly injured in ATV accident and unable to get back to his ATV. Thankfully he had his phone in his pocket and help was soon on the way. Had he not he would have suffered quite some time before someone missed him. I don't get mounting a lifeline like a phone to the motorcycle and risking not being able to contact help. I wish at times I had a satellite phone for hunting and riding in poor service areas.



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

I know I don't need to preach safety to this group but wanted to relate these two incidents for your information.

While this is rather old news from the BMWMOA website I don't recall seeing it before, so I wanted to share it as a good reminder of the importance of the BMWMOA foundation.

The BMW MOA Foundation launched an aggressive fundraising campaign at the 2019 Scoot Boot 'n Boogie with a goal of creating a million-dollar endowment to fund the future of rider safety, education and training. Foundation President Chuck Manley said donations to the [SAFEMILES ENDOWMENT](#) will be specifically reserved for the purpose of creating a long-term endowment to guarantee future Foundation initiatives.

"Our first raffle effort was nearly ten years ago, and the Foundation has used those funds to provide important rider safety initiatives like our Paul B. Scholarship program," Manley said. "If we had started the SafeMiles Endowment at the same time, we would have a \$1 million nest egg today to fund our training efforts forever."

Manley also said the Foundation is looking for donors at all levels, including a handful of key donors willing to make an annual commitment to the SafeMiles Endowment. "Fifteen MOA members have stepped up and committed long term donations to get the fund off the ground," said Manley. "We have commitments for \$150,000 in donations toward the million-dollar goal, but we've tried to make it very easy for MOA members to donate at any level."

Donors to the SafeMiles Endowment can receive Foundation incentives such as saddlebag medallions, Foundation polo shirts, one-year membership renewals and even automatic entries for Foundation raffles. To learn more about the SafeMiles Endowment and the various options for giving, MOA members can visit [BMWMOAF.ORG](#).

"Our \$250 donation level was very popular at the rally because it includes automatic entry into the various Foundation raffles, a one-year membership renewal and several other incentives that MOA members deserve," commented Manley.

With the announcement of the SafeMiles campaign and the ability to automatically enter Foundation raffles, the Foundation also unveiled two custom R nine T Urban GSs that will be the prizes in the fall Custom Bike raffle. SafeMiles donors can receive an automatic entry to the Fall raffle as well as next year's Completely Vintage raffle and the 2020 Superstakes by donating now at [SAFEMILES ENDOWMENT DONATION PAGE](#).

"It is a very exciting time for the Foundation with lots of activity," said Manley, "but, I am especially excited for future BMW MOA members who will benefit from these efforts."

Ride safe, keep the rubber side down.

Tom Moe



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BMW Ambassadors - Kevin and Annie Huddy



As I sit here staring at the calendar, I found myself wondering where June and July have gone. All of June was the getting ready for, participating in, and recovering from the rally. July, here in Helena, was H.O.T., smoke filled, and tinder crisp. From my kitchen window I saw a lightning strike hit and start several small blazes in a neighboring pasture. Crisis averted thanks to the immediate responses from DNRC, and three pumper trucks.

It's been a tough month for riding. Nevertheless, The **Grand Coddwomple** has been calling. We have filled in the blanks for "Saddle Up And Ride"- yes indeed there are 4 "D's" needed! So Deer Lodge, Drummond, Deer Creek, and Dunn Canyon have all been visited, along with multiple other canyons and airplane crash sites, a very interesting yet heartbreaking category. Followed on by the visit to Humpty Dumpty in Bozeman at the park.

And now it's August. In Alaska that means winter is just a very few weeks away and riding season is ending. But, here in Montana it means we have "some" lower temperatures, perhaps the smoke will clear out, and there are many more weeks of wonderful roads and riding to be had.

Let's not waste another day saying we'll ride tomorrow or this weekend or in a few days. I mean, look, where did June and July already go?

Let's go, get out and ride!



Annie

I just (7/29/2021) read something interesting in Moto-EMag Issue 104 SE. It has to do with possible inclusion of Maintenance for BMW motorcycles as is the case with BMW automobiles. Also something was mentioned about being able to purchase an extended warranty for new BMW motorcycles. You can find Moto-Emag here: <http://www.moto-emag.com>

Here's a PNG of the piece I just read:

Kevin

MOTO EXCLUSIVE

BMW US is now into stealth promos. It would be near impossible for me to miss the release that BMW moto US finally launched a variation of Ultimate Care, but I didn't miss it, because they haven't promoted it.

I've been suggesting for years for BMW to follow the success of their US auto division and offer the Ultimate Care program. I've mentioned it on MOTO as well, not only in the last issue but also in Issue 100 and in previous discussions about BMW and Ducati. Ultimate Care is complimentary maintenance for life of warranty. BMW's moto division stealthily released a variation of this program just around the time of MOTO's last issue, however, it differs from the car side. The motorcycle's Ultimate Care is prepaid maintenance packages offered to owners of new motorcycles.

In addition to the above BMW offered something that is interesting, also part of their new stealth promo strategy. There is now an option to buy up to 4 years of extended factory warranty. You can theoretically have 7 years of warranty on your newish Beemer. Both programs are offered directly through dealers. You heard it here first.

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To Helena and Back Ride - Helena, Montana



Ken

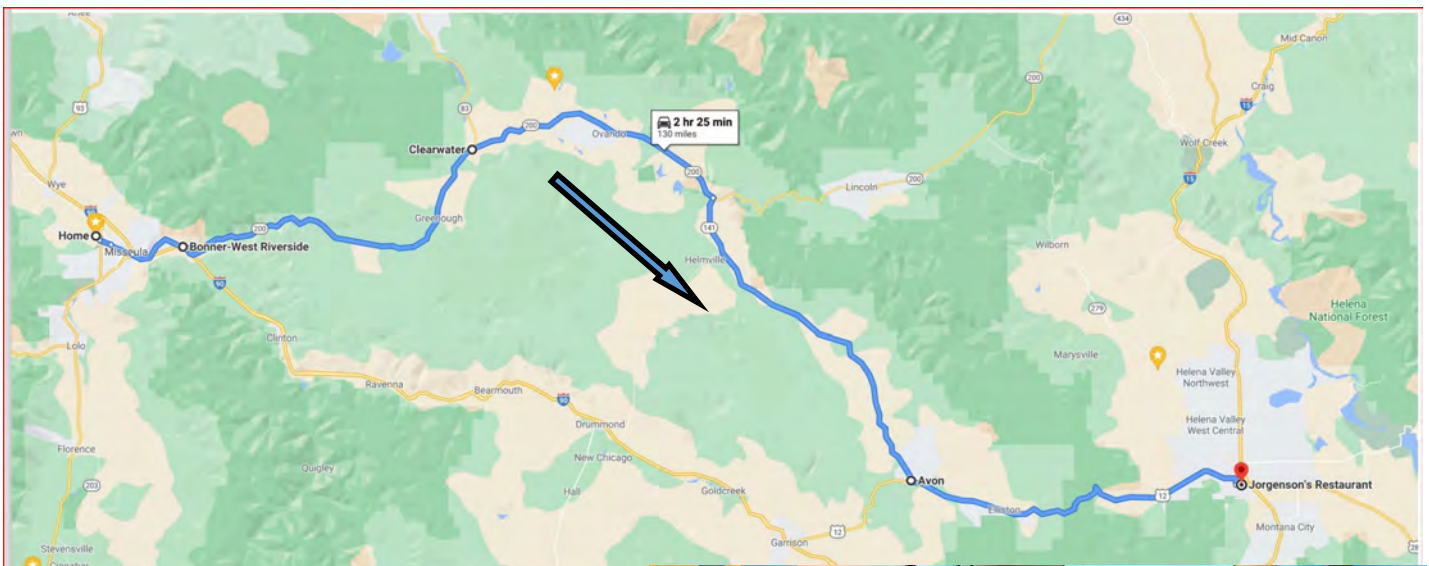
Ken Conrad and Mike Hofferber hosted a 'club' ride event with the roads and sites surrounding the Helena area as the venue and Jorgenson's Inns and Suites as the Base Camp.



Mike

Eighteen riders participated, riding KTM's, Moto Guzzi's, Triumphs, Ural sidecars and BMW's. The adventure theme was riders choice - paved, unpaved, or any combination of both, as were the routes, with the only requirements was to group two or more, and to loop back to the Base Camp in time for supper and conversation. There seemed to be an abundance of the latter. The routes selected seemed to range from "...I wonder where that road goes, I think I can climb that hill...?" or seeking out sites of interest or curiosity, and "...lets take any road in any direction to any place, just ride...." Old fashion paper maps were annotated, high-end GPS units were programed and newly acquired mobile phone tracking apps were activated to record the adventures shown in the following sections. I hope you enjoy them.

Editor



John DiBari, Lynden Clark, your editor and Dean Hall, pausing at Clearwater Crossing.



The gathering. From the left, Gary Armstrong, Dick Smith, John DiBari, Mike Hofferber, Larry Manchester, Ken Conrad, Lance Lerum, Lynden Clark, Pat Endres and Pete Pleban.

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To Helena and Back Ride - Helena, Montana (continued)

Billings, MT to Jorgenson's Restaurant

Drive 253 miles, 4 hr 30 m



A refresher stop in White Sulphur Springs



Mike Hofferber



Gary Anderson (masked man) and Dick Smith suiting up for the Billings to Helena ride.



A little side trip enroute to Jorgenson's.



A hardware store stop to repair Mike Hofferber's helmet.

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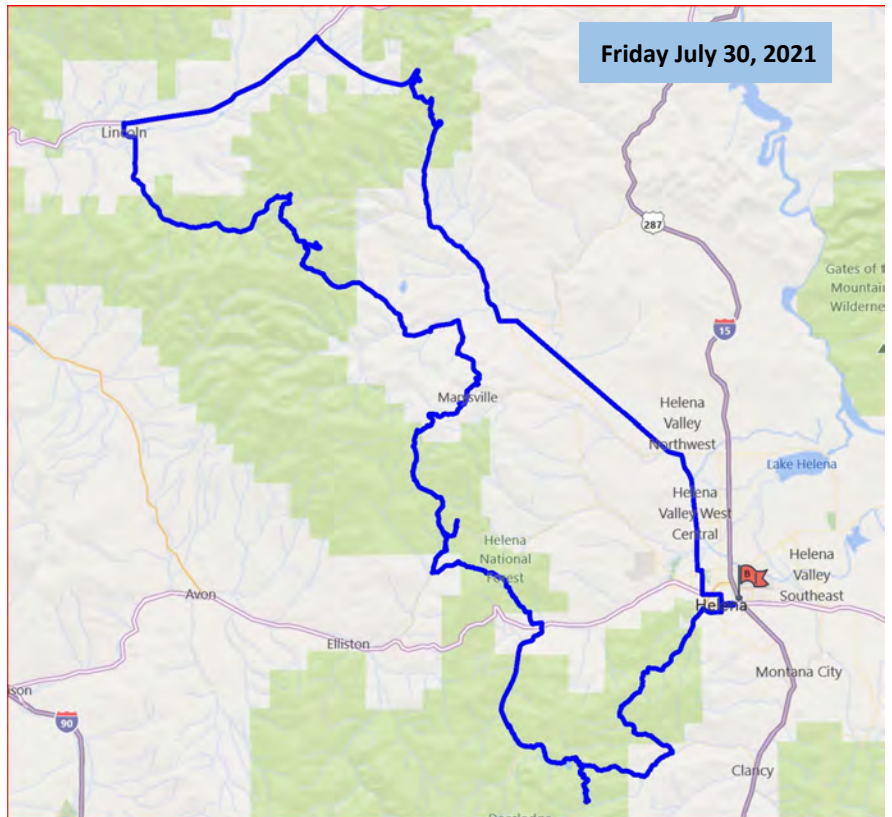
One of our 'hard core' dirt riders, **John DiBari** on his relatively new and well FAR-KLEd KTM390 hit the more challenging roads and trails. The track on the right is the 158 mile route followed on Friday, and the lower track, the 197 mile track followed on Saturday. Hopefully the photos will provide an accurate presentation of the adventure.

The Friday adventure riders were **John DiBari, K. Bill Clark, Pat Endres, Lynden Clark, Larry Manchester** and, **Mark Ellzey**.

On Saturday, again John DiBari lead K. Bill Clark and Pat Endres on loop south to White Hall, Butte and back to Helena.

In both routes, unpaved was the primary surface,

Editor



John DiBari



K. Bill Clark

Sometimes they just seem want to lay down and rest.

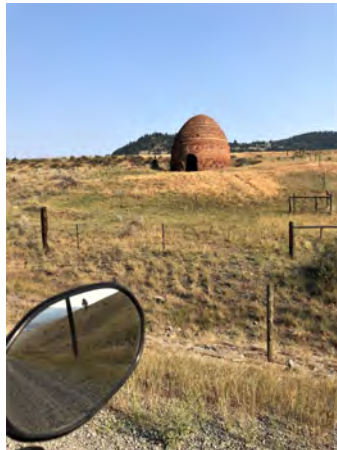
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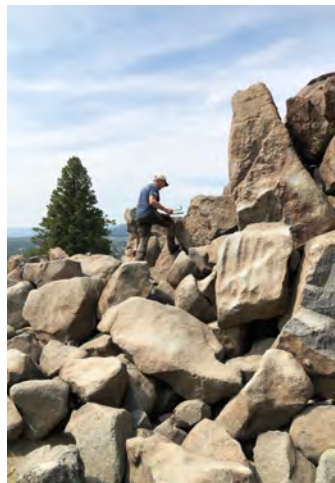
Mark Ellzey taking a break

Mark Ellzey, Larry Manchester, John DiBari and Pat Endres double-checking their GPS navigational systems, under a sign that confirms, "You are here".



Pat Endres at the "Ringing Rocks".

The Ringing Rocks Pluton is located in the mountains of southwest Montana between Butte and Whitehall, and is notable for a large tor of ringing boulders. The pluton is the deep-seated vent for a volcano which erupted 76 million years ago. The pluton is an example of magma mixing in a conduit, specifically between olivine basalt and granitic magmas. - Wikipedia



No report on whether or not a tire tool will cause a tone to emanate from a 'ringing rock'.

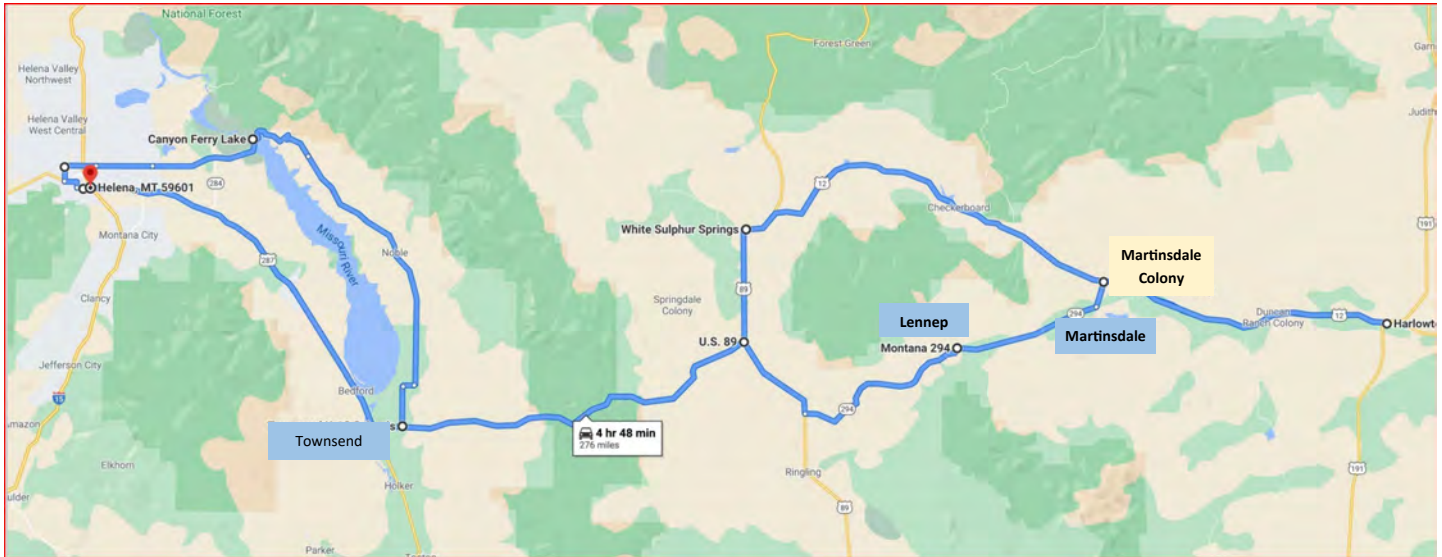


Pat Endres and John DiBari at the Granite Peak Fire Lookout in the Helena National Forest.

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To Helena and Back Ride - Helena, Montana (continued)

For the 'paved' route group, **Ken Conrad** conducted a guided tour for **your editor** and **Dean Hall** of some of the sites and some of the seldom seen stops east of Helena. The track is shown below.



Your editor and Dean Hall, at Canyon Ferry Dam - on clean adventure bikes.



Guide and host, **Ken Conrad** led us to the Lenep one room school house. Lenep, now a ghost town, was once a station on the Old Milwaukee rail line. It is still home to the Trinity Lutheran Church with its beautiful interior.



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To Helena and Back Ride - Helena, Montana (continued)



Abandon Milwaukee Railroad substation (Substation No. 2) at Loweth, Montana about 47 miles west of Harlowton, the start of the electrified segment which ended in Avery, Idaho. **Ken Conrad** and **Dean Hall** in the photo.



Our loop included a stop at the Milwaukee Rail Road museum in Harlowton, Montana.



HIGH NOON in Martinsdale, and everyone is in the Mint Bar— four locals, three BMW riders, an owner-bartender and a combination waitress/cook. Most were having Wagyu beef hamburgers, some of the best I have tasted. (*The town was a station stop on the now-abandoned main line of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad, and is a community center for nearby ranches and farms. Martinsdale was the home of the poet Grace Stone Coates, author of Black Cherries, Mead & Mangel-Wurzel, and Portulacas in the Wheat. It was also the home of Charles M. Bair, one of the largest and most successful sheep ranchers in the United States, and the former Bair family home is now a museum. Wikipedia*) *Editor*



Ken Conrad, probably pondering if they had ever considered using side cars.



One room of the Milwaukee Road museum in Harlowton

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To Helena and Back Ride - Helena, Montana (continued)

Ken Conrad lead Lynden Clark, Dean Hall and your editor on Old Highway 91 (Recreation Road) which follows the Missouri River for 44 miles to Ulm, Montana. Along the route, is Tower Rock State Park and Western Artist C. M. Russel's early cabin located in Cascade. Tower Rock, named by Meriwether Lewis in 1805 as the expedition passed through.

Editor



Old Highway 91 (Recreation Road) along the Missouri River.

Lynden Clark and Ken Conrad



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To Helena and Back Ride - Helena, Montana (continued)



Jorgenson's Inn and Suites, Helena served as our 'base camp', dining hall, beer garden and dormitory. Our dining hall 'care taker' is the lady standing by **Dave McCormack**, who was a no-nonsense person with a sense of humor as big as her smile.

Above, starting with **John DiBari** (back to the camera), proceeding clock-wise, **Mark Ellzey, Gary Armstrong, Mike Hofferber, Larry Manchester, Lynden Clark, Ken Conrad, Pat Endres, Dick Armstrong, K. Bill Clark** and **Dean Hall**. Missing from this photo, but also present at the outing are fellow club members shown below.



Paul Smietanka



Kevin Huddy



Annie Huddy

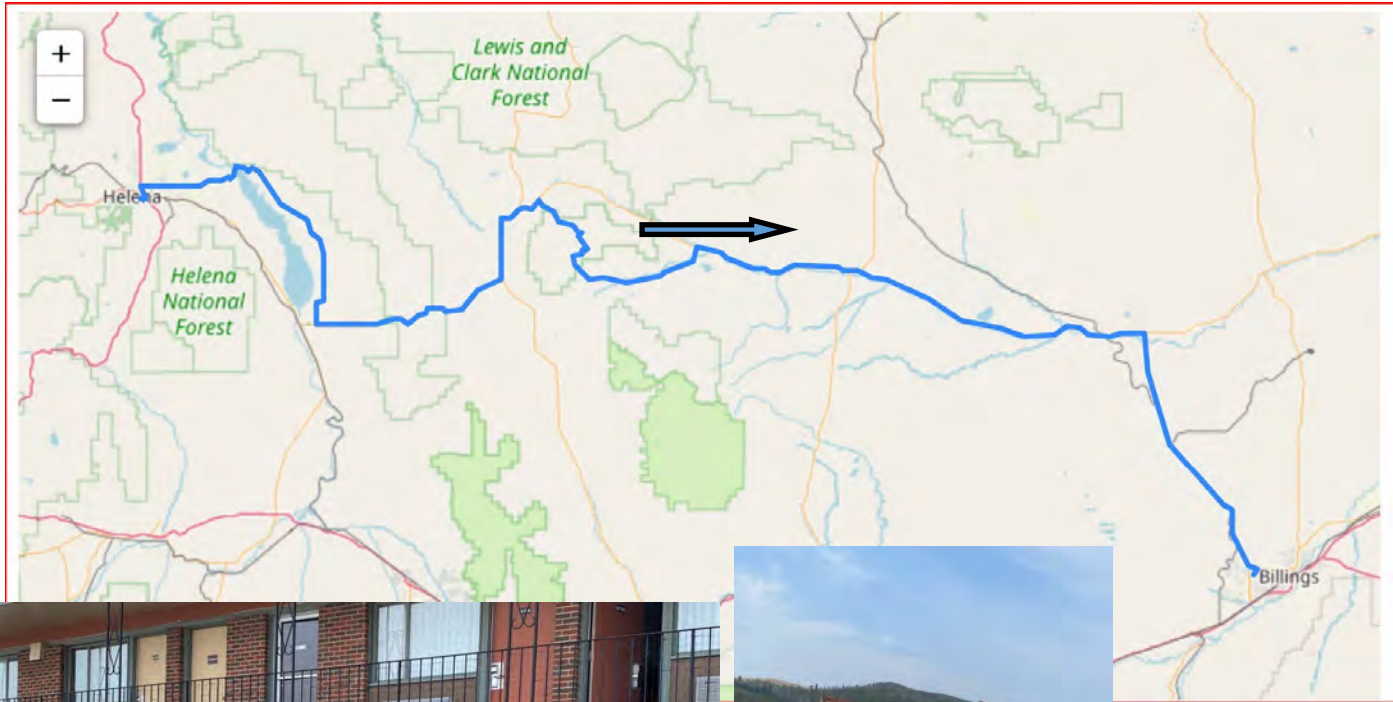


Pete Pleban

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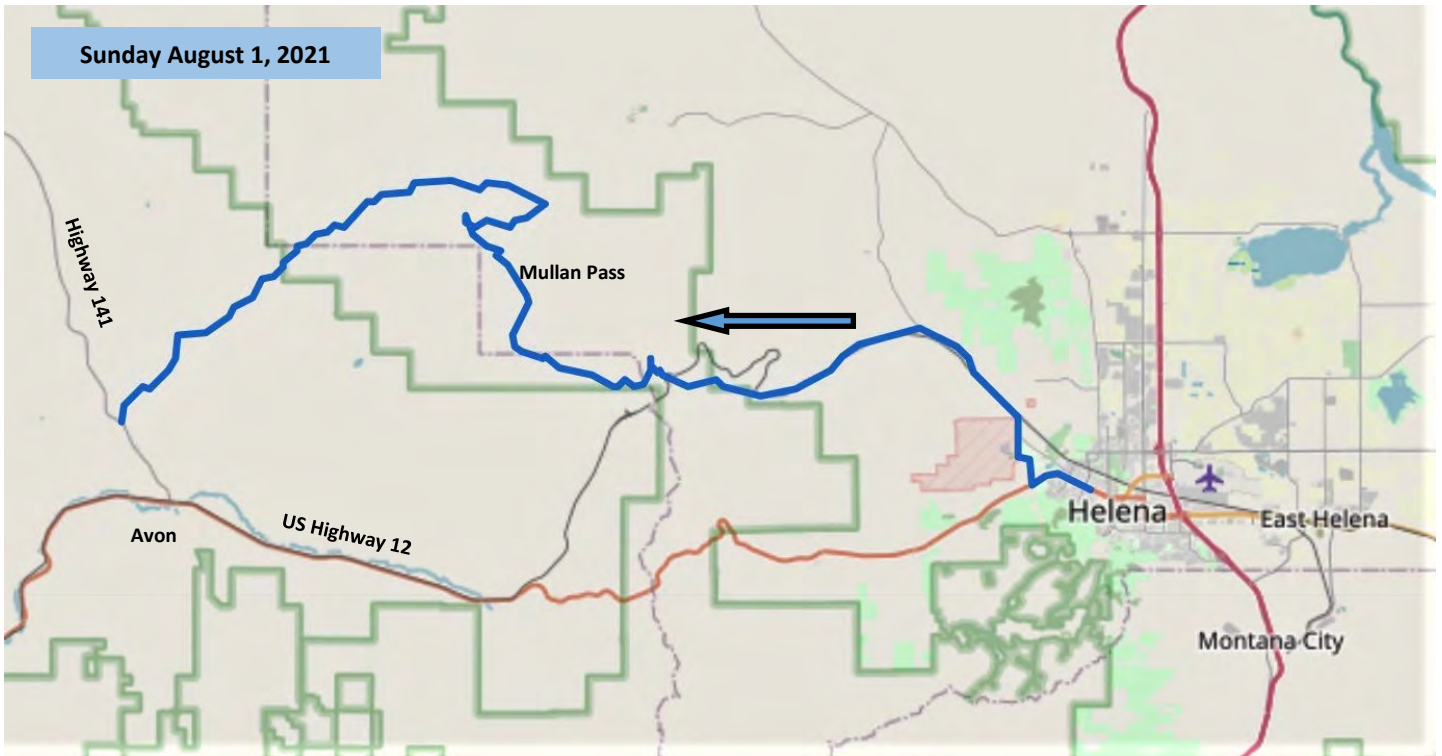
Time to pack-up and head for home. Most riders took a circuitous route, sometime know as "The long way home".



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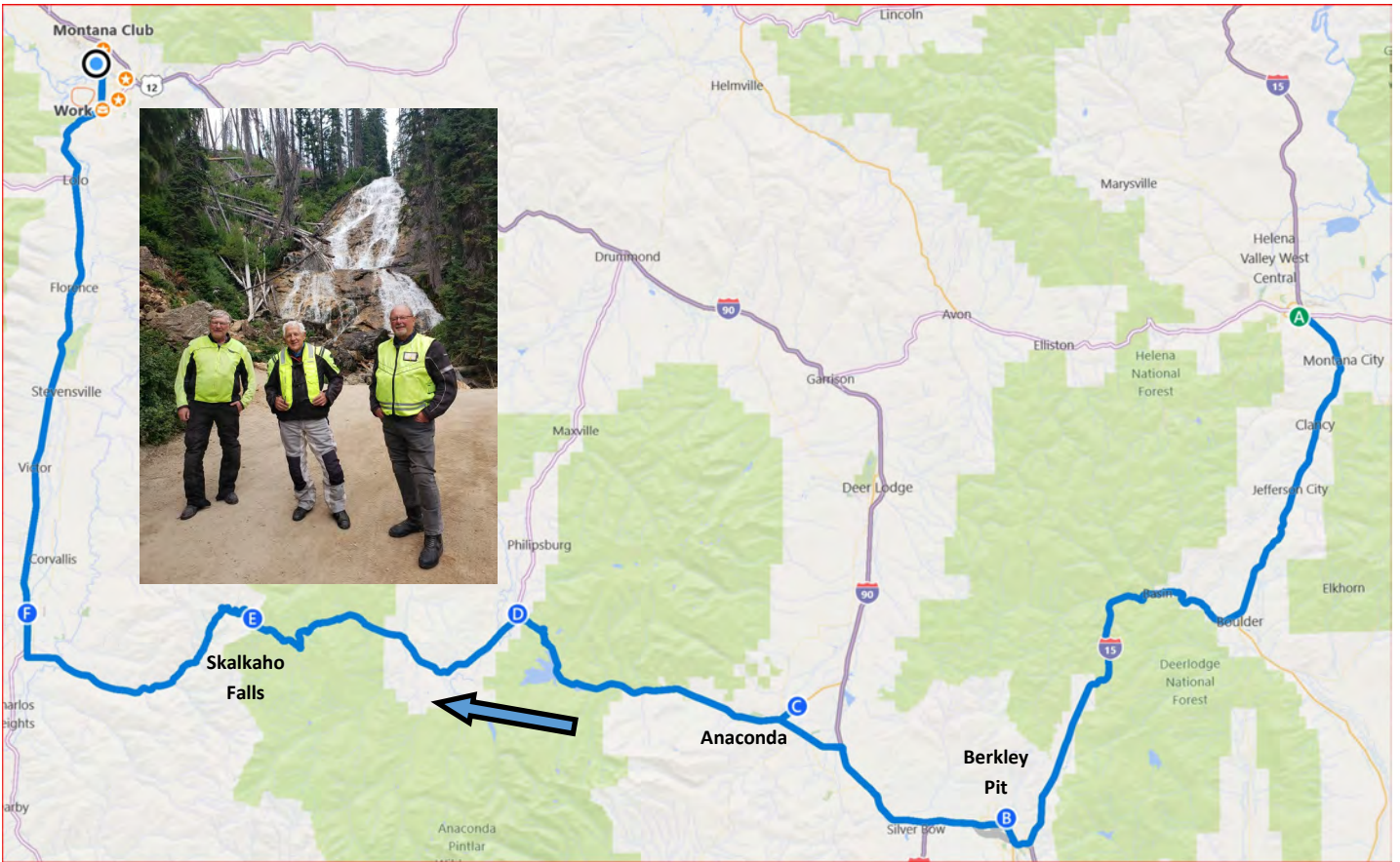
For his return to Missoula, **John DiBari** struck out on his own essentially following portions of the Mullan Road crossing Mullan Pass on his way to State Highway 141 northwest of Avon. *Editor*



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To Helena and Back Ride - Helena, Montana (continued)

Your editor along with Lynden Clark and Dean Hall returned via way of the Berkley Pit in Butte and Skalkaho Falls.



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From the Past - Kim Lemke - Historian



Somewhere in the Missouri Breaks region—
school or church?



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Reports from the Road - Chuck Reaves

"LET'S GO!" as my new hero Noraly Schoenmaker famously states in her world renowned videos. She's also known as Itchy Boots and if you have not seen her videos on *YouTube*, she's the real deal. Trekking the world by herself on two wheels she has no sag wagon with tons of parts, spare bikes, video equipment nor an onboard Russian Doctor like some other world traveling motorcyclists (going Up, Down and Around).

Plus, she is cute as a bug's ear! See: <https://www.youtube.com/c/ItchyBoots/about>

So, following Noraly's example of off-road adventure riding, a few of us set off for an adventure day-ride on dirt. And though we didn't have a sag wagon like 'the pretenders', there were five of us together to support each other; **Robert Carpenter**, **Bill Clark**, **Larry Banister**, myself, **Chuck Reaves**, and a new member/rider from Bozeman, all around good guy, **Mike Allen**. Admittedly this was a road that's been ridden before...so it wasn't one of those adventure rides that has you breaking out in a sweat because you're not sure of what's ahead. Though this ride might not be rated as a true adventure trek; when you're out 'there' you never know when an adventure might start!

Our route was the Jocko Canyon Road, an excellent Winnebago Road; defined by our favorite, Dick French, "If a Winnebago can travel on it, my motorbike and I can too"! This day the route was to be ridden from west to east, beginning off Highway 93 at Arlee, Montana with the terminus 34 miles away on Highway 83 just east of Placid Lake. Lovely road, great scenery with mountains, streams, lakes and panoramic vistas of the Rattlesnake

Mountains, the Mission Mountains and the Swan Range...and did I mention it was a Winnebago road?

This was ridden in an afternoon in the middle of June this year. The weather was gorgeous; just what you want to see for riding weather in summer. Temps were in the 80's, lots of blue sky and a few puffy white clouds; none of the 100 degree temps or the smoke that inundate our valleys now.

Chuck and Mike Allen were late showing up at the Wye north of Missoula (what's new?). Mike had to have a new rear tire installed before the ride. Luckily Big Sky Motorsports took the emergency into consideration and changed the tire on short notice.



Chuck Reaves, Larry Banister K. Bill Clark and Robert Carpenter



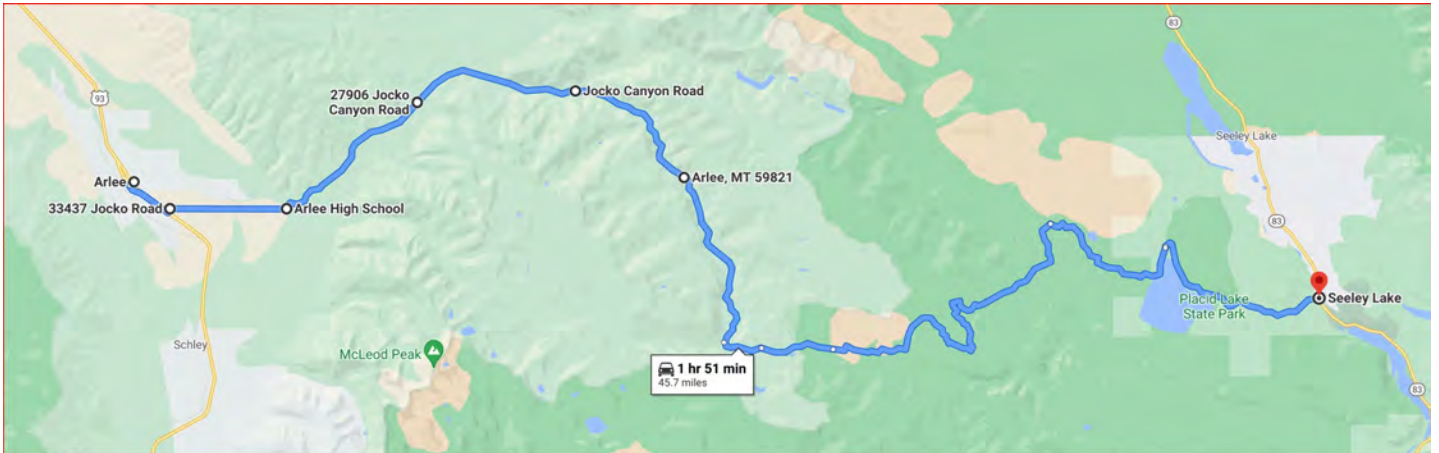
Winnebago Class A Road



Mike Allen

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Reports from the Road - Chuck Reaves (continued)



So now spooled up and running north on Highway 93 we turned onto the Jocko Canyon Road at Arlee. We spread out single file to minimize dust. After getting to the one confusing turn on the route, several of us huddled to pore over a Forest Service map...you know, those paper things? Thankfully, as per what had happened two years ago, a local happened along and pointed us in the right direction. (Those locals turn out to be the best kind of maps).

So, at this point why would anyone want Chuck to lead? He's late, he can't find the turn, he goes too slow and stops too often to take pictures and pass water. But the guys remember Chuck telling them about the ride two years ago (same route) when with Chuck in the lead a HUGE black bear crossed the road about 75 yards in front of the group. You won't believe this, but lighting was about to strike a second time truly making this an adventure ride even Noraly would be proud of. About 7-10 miles in, as we approached a wooden bridge with a slight incline above the road level, a HUGE black bear crossed the road 30 yards in front of me on the other side of the bridge. The bear was going right to left as I was approaching at 30 mph. I was gaining on the bear rapidly, in fact so rapidly I thought..."I better slow down". So, here's an adventure question for you...."on gravel to slow down quickly what brake do you grab"? If you stayed with the grab idea and especially if you said grab the front brake...remember...on gravel...that's the wrong answer. My front wheel starts to go 90 degrees out of my travel path and all of a sudden, I see the headline..."Biker trapped under motorcycle, eaten by bear!" So, I quickly let off that darn front brake and saved the Missoulian having to cover that scenario. By the time I was able to stop on the bridge the bear had disappeared into the underbrush. After checking to make sure no cubs were left behind, the adventure ride continued. Because of the dust and our being strung out, there were only a couple riders that did see the bear, so I do have witnesses. The others that didn't see the bear just thought my bike had been stabbed in absentia, by a voodoo witch doctor the way it jumped all over the road. Anyway no crash, no harm...except after the ride, when we're in Potomac relaxing at *Culley's* over a burger, I had the sneaking suspicion maybe those guys wanted me in the lead.... for a reason....one I'd not thought of. Hey guys????

So don't be late and don't botch the navigation and for sure don't grab the front brake on gravel.

Happy Adventuring and Happy Trails.

Chuck Reaves



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July Meeting - Phillipsburg



Winninghoff Park Ice Rink and Arena, Phillipsburg was the site of the Club's monthly meeting on a hot and hazy Sunday. In spite of the heat and smoke, 19 members of which 15 made the event on their motorcycles. Several arrived via the Skalkaho Pass road. Shown above, not necessarily in this order are **Dave McCormack** (Hamilton), **Chris Keyes** (Missoula), **Lynden Clark** (Florence), **Jesse Mullin** (Deer Lodge). **Greg Hintz** (Missoula), **Marrea Matthews** (Hamilton), **Mark Johnson** (Kalispell), **Art Johnson** (Lincoln), **Lon McComas** (Bozeman), **Dean Hall** (Missoula), **Lance Lerum** (Townsend), **Jason Humberger** (Bozeman), **Phil Yasenak** (Missoula) and **Ken Senn** (Hamilton). Missing from the photo, **Rick Kuschel**, **Sandy Knutsen** and **your editor**, all from Missoula.



A line-up of some of the bikes ridden to the meeting.



Guess who would have matching luggage?



There is something to be said for a reverse gear.



Ken Senn's sharp looking Triumph 1200 Tiger.

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July Meeting - Phillipsburg (continued)



Rick Kuschel (Missoula) had breakfast at Lochsa Lodge before having lunch in Phillipsburg.



Art Johnson (Lincoln) and his fully loaded Africa Twin.



New member, **Jesse Mullen** (Deer Lodge) **Greg Hintz** (Missoula) and renewed member **Marrea Matthews** (Hamilton) and the owner of the bright yellow BMW F650GS shown elsewhere in this article.



Adventure and touring in the form of Honda, Triumph and BMW by MONTANA BMW RIDERS

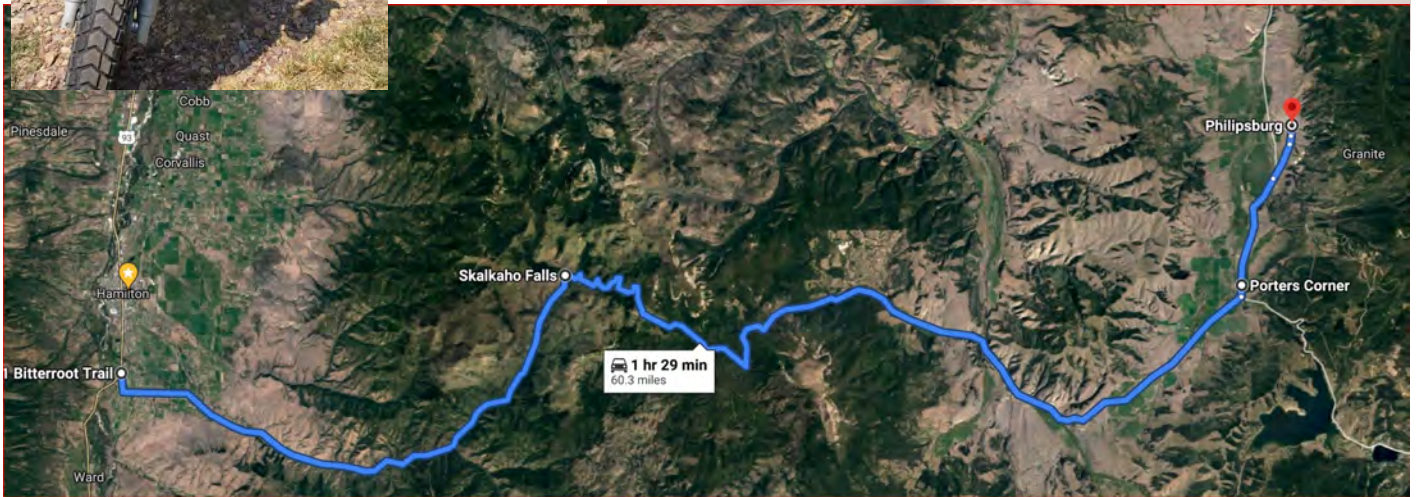
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July Meeting - Phillipsburg (continued)



Lynden Clark (Missoula) ready for the return ride after arriving via Skalkaho Pass road, highlighted below.

Photos by Lynden Clark.

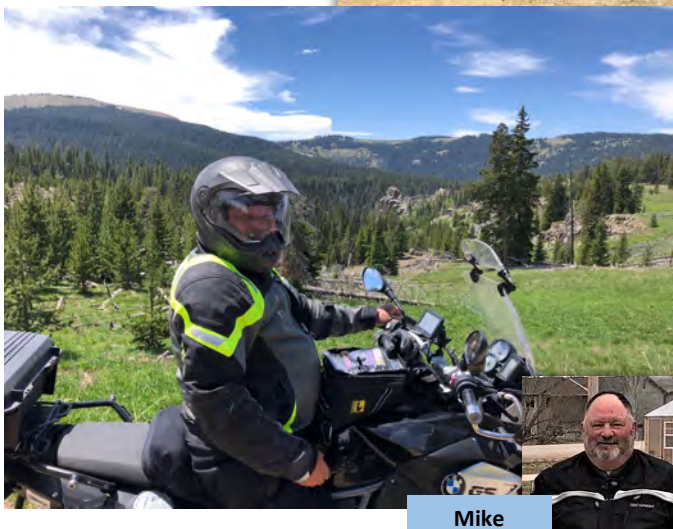
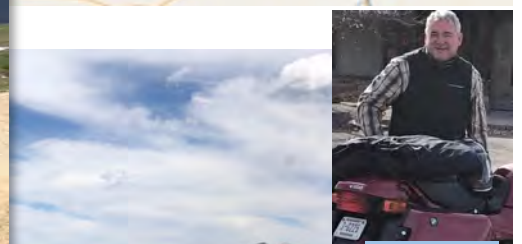


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Reports from the Road - Mike Hofferber

It was one of those late spring days that we all live for, crisp clear air and visibility past the horizon. **Mike Hofferber** and riding buddy, **Pat Endres** made a run into the Bighorn Mountains of Wyoming, on mostly Winnebago Class A roads.

Editor



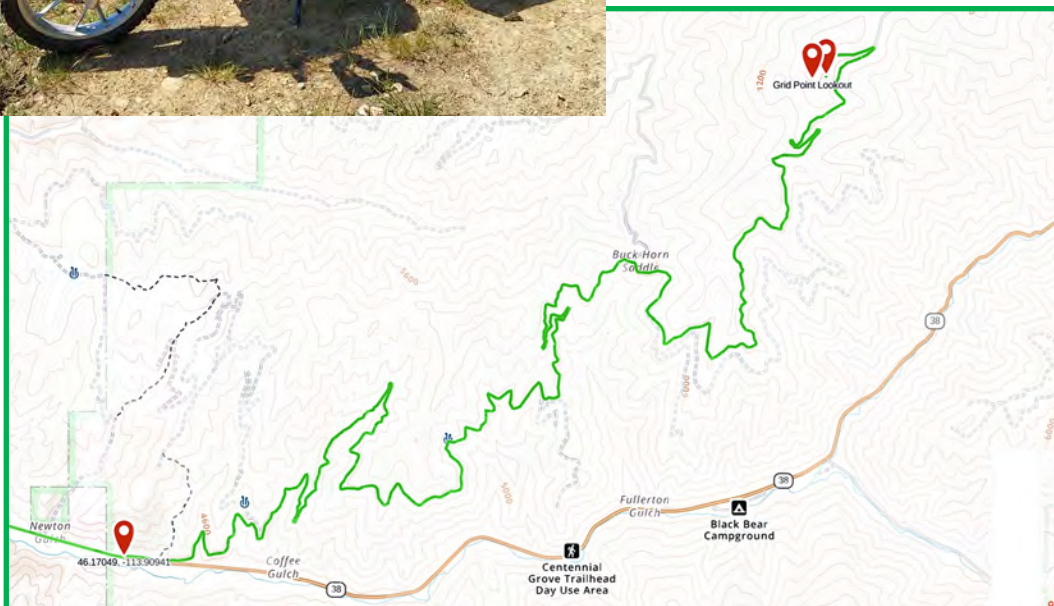
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Fire Look Out Contest - Robert Carpenter



Robert Carpenter made his way to Grid Point Fire Lookout in the Lolo National Forest as shown in his photos. The route starts about 12 miles from Hamilton on the Skalkaho Pass road and appears to be a two-track ride to the peak.

Editor



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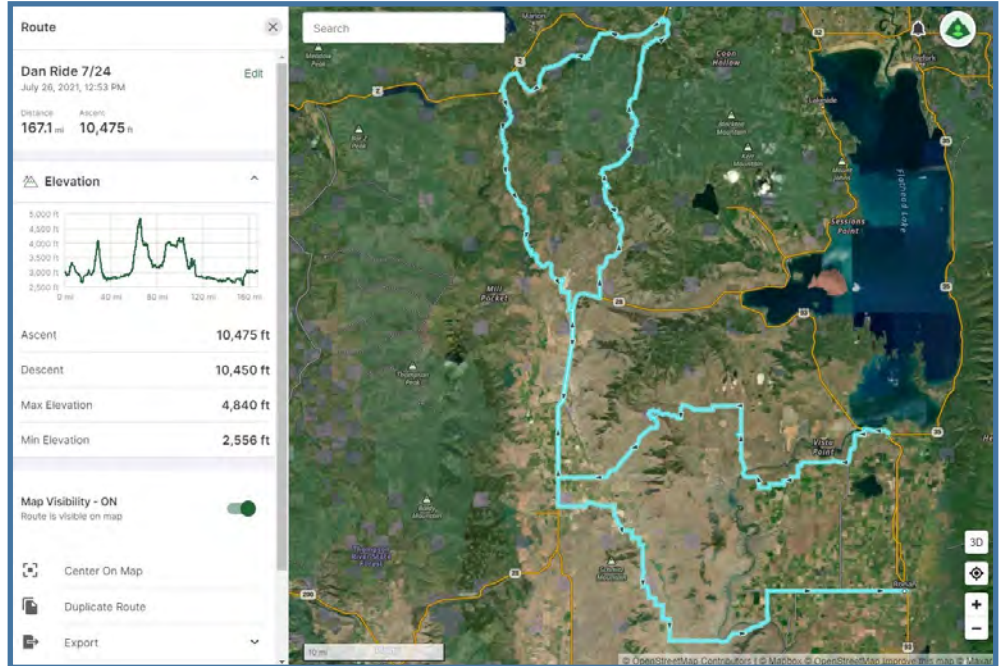
Reports from the Road - John DiBari

Dan Siddens and I took a little trip on Saturday, 7/24. See attached image. I met Dan in Polson - he riding down from Bigfork and I riding up from Missoula. We endured hot temperatures and a lot of dust, but the ride was great otherwise. We saw a large herd of elk just west of Irvine Hill with lots of cows and calves. We also saw one of the biggest bull bison we've ever seen.

It made me feel puny on my motorcycle. I didn't know there was a bison ranch near Hot Springs, but apparently there is.

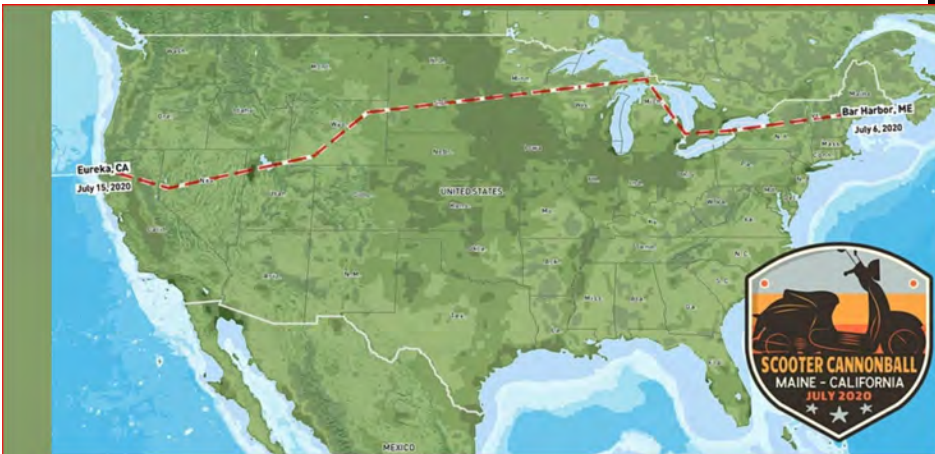
Dan and I rode to Ronan by way of the Little Bitterroot Road and then headed to our respective homes.

John



STEPHANIE McGEARY / YESTERDAY @ 4:08 P.M. / CULTURE

SCOOTER CANNONBALL: Riders Roll into Eureka After Grueling 10-Day Race Across the Country



I came across this event in on a FACEBOOK posts about Senior Motorcyclist and had to confirm it was a true event. It was. The chart is listed as the 2020 event, it is the route for the annual event in 2021. Maximum displacement is 288 cc's. No mention of chase trucks but it appears the contesting machines were stand alone.

The event is certainly a testament to perseverance and determination, not to mention stamina.

Editor

The Scooter Cannonball begins July 12, 2021 in Bar Harbor, Maine and finishes July 21st in Eureka, California!

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Reports from the Road



Based on his numerous, and widely disbursed FACEBOOK postings, I think **Don Deuel** must have rented his home in Arlee and decided to live on the road this summer. (*Editor*)

Letters to the Editor

Want to go on an epic ride? The Idaho BDR is on tap this September. We are having a meeting to discuss the trip and more on August 14 at 10:00am at the shop. (*Maverick Motors*)

We will also hit up some trails after the meeting.

Come on out, even if you just want to talk adventures and get to know other like minded riders. Let me know if you are interested, so I know how much coffee to put on.

Thanks


Jared Beard

jared@mavmotorsports.com;

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Some Record Setters

Lisa Jenniches, Michael Drury and 2 others posted in Senior Motorcyclists.



KOBIS.COM
No signs of slowing down, 94-year-old purchases new Harley Davidson - KOB1-TV NBC5 / KOTI-TV NBC2

Senior Motorcyclists
Lisa Jenniches · Yesterday at 8:56 AM · 🌐

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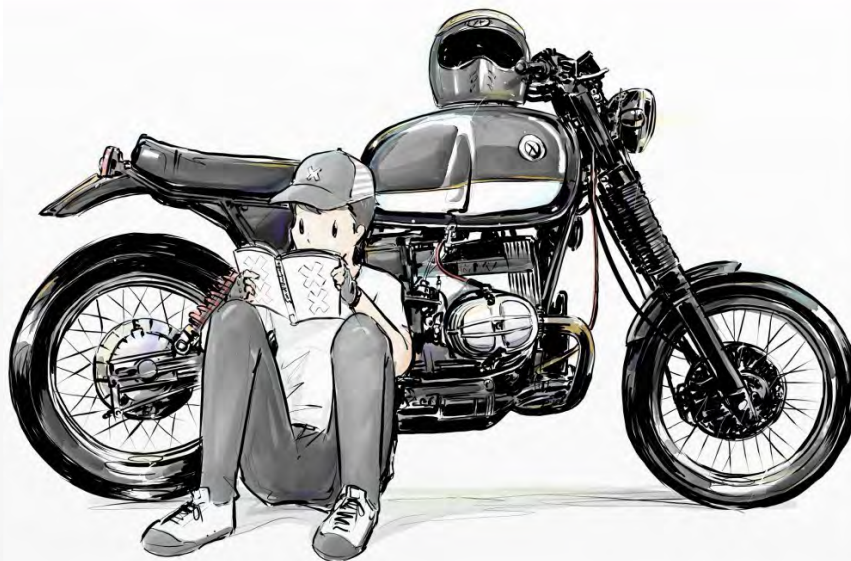
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Senior Motorcyclists
Group post by Jack Parrish · 5h · 🌐

This is a few of my motorcycles. Anything you want to look at come on by any time. And I am 91 years young, Willi.



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Historian - Kim Lemke

TEN YEARS AGO - From the July 2001 News Letter:

- President **Ken Conrad** noted that a German (**Andi Muller**) national attending Montana State University had joined the Montana BMW Riders club.
- Upcoming events were: July meeting in Manhattan, Montana; MOA National Rally in Redmond, Oregon; August MT BMW Riders meeting would be in Lewistown, Montana; and, the Beartooth Rendezvous in Red Lodge, Montana.
- **Robert Banis** also reported on a Swedish visitor who was following Robert Pirsig's book, "Zen".
- **Michelle Hand** reported Montana to be one of the first states to teach the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic Rider Course.

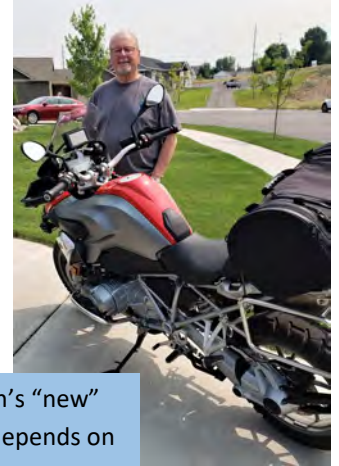


Kim Lemke

A screenshot of the EYCAT Lodging Co. website. The header features a logo with a silhouette of a mountain and trees, the text "EYCAT Lodging Co.", and a "CHECK AVAILABILITY" button. Below the header is a navigation menu with links: HOME, ABOUT US, ACCOMMODATIONS, THINGS TO DO, CONTACT US. The main content area shows a scenic view of a lodge building with a brown roof and wooden accents, set against a backdrop of green trees and a large, rocky mountain. The text "Welcome to EYCAT LODGING CO. (East Yellowstone Cabins And Tipis)" is overlaid on the image. At the bottom, there is contact information: "1 Streamside Drive, Wapiti, WY", the website "www.eycatlodging.com", and the tagline "Your lodging hub in the Cody, WY and east Yellowstone area (Motorcycle Friendly)".

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What is “new”?



Your editor’s “new” bike, a 2014 BMW F800GT was Den Hall’s “old” bike which was replaced by Dean’s “new” bike, a 2014 BMW R1200 GS, which was the “old” bike of a rider in Bend, Oregon. “New” and “old” depends on your point-of-view.



Mike Hofferber’s new - as in “NEW” has house privileges, since it does not leak oil!!



Remember the rule—“North is always up”, and it will make sense.

Kim Lemke - Historian

Members from the 1990s may remember **James Schonrock** . Jim always had a smile. He died at age 94 , July 20 2021.

I recall that after riding the Beartooth, Jim came back to Lolo and got his best camera gear and went back .

Kim

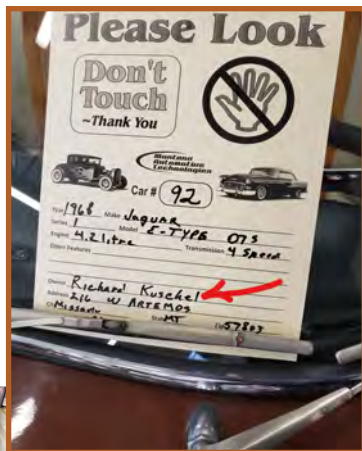
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The Rest of the Story

Many of you probably know **Ken Conrad** as the Ural sidecar advocate, and his blue Ural, or **Rick Kuschel** as the SMBC (Sunday Morning Breakfast Crew). Among Ken's other hobbies is maintaining a well restored 1969 VW bus recently displayed at a auto show sponsored by the Helena Street Rodders. Rick, in addition to the splendid 1967 BMW R60/2 displayed at the BMW MOA Rally, can occasionally be spotted on the Missoula streets in his 1968 Jaguar E type, again, another well restored vintage automobile. *Editor*



You need to get approval from your favorite sidekick.



Rick



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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	23 rd	Hauser Lake	Lakeside on Hauser	Sunday	1:00 PM	Air Heads & Three Wheelers
June	24th – 27th	Great Falls	BMW MOA RALLY	Thursday – Sunday	All Day	Just Ride
	26th	Choteau	Choteau City Park (Bring your own lunch)	Saturday	Noon	
July	18 th	Phillipsburg	Winninghoff Park	Sunday	Noon	Newest
	29-31 & Aug 1 st	Helena	Base Camp Jorgenson's	Thursday – Saturday	Thursday Evening – All day Friday - Sunday	To Helena and Back, Paved, Unpaved & Combination
August	21 st	Powell, ID	Lochsa Lodge	Saturday	1:00 PM (MDT)	K Bikes
September	26 th	Three Forks	Three Forks Museum Park	Sunday	Noon	GS/ADV
	25 th	Helena	Huddy's Outpost	Saturday	All Day	Repair and Winterization
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	
The "Theme" is to encourage riders of the type of bike noted, to ride that motorcycle to the event.						

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- 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



MotoCentric Hi-Viz mesh motorcycle jacket.

- Size Medium. Zip-in windproof/waterproof liner.
- Two handwarmer pockets.
- Several interior pockets including a chest pocket.
- CE Level 1 shoulder and elbow protection.
- Foam back pad. The stock padding can be replaced with D30 protection.
- Very good condition.

Price: \$60

Contact **John DiBari**

Mobile Phone: **406-274-7337**

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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.

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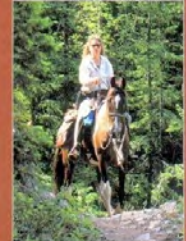
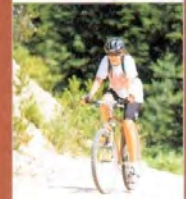
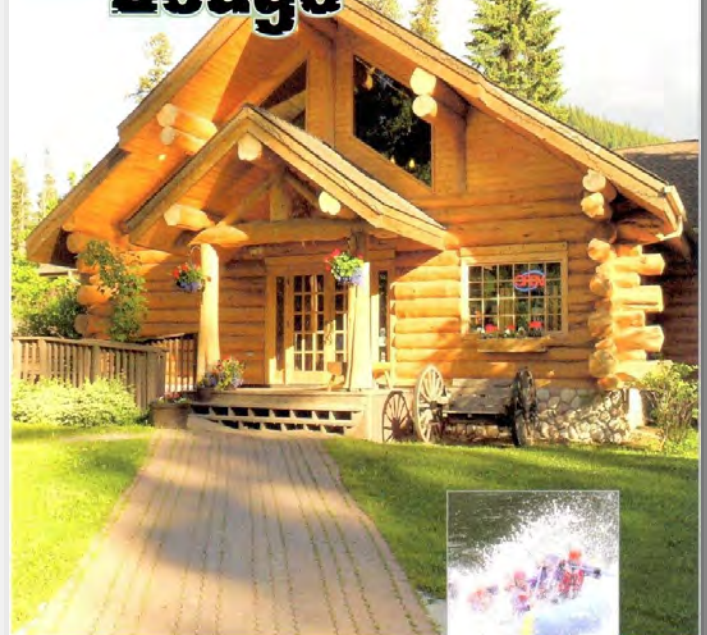
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