

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

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Normally, this space is reserved for the President's message. Last month, **Chris Keyes** announced his resignation from this post, effective September 30, 2021, as memorialize in the attachment to this newsletter.

"This month marks my last turn at the helm of this fine club, as I intend to resign at the end of September. We have a few loose ends to tie up and then I'll sign off and leave the business of club stewardship to Dave and Mark, aided in no small measure by Dick and Lance. My absence will hardly be noted; by October the Montana riding season is petering out anyway and the work, like

the weather, begins to cool off a bit. I'll remain as a club member and will continue to send in some written pieces now and again from my perch down here. But I'll do so as a lay member once again.

Let me make a final case to encourage you to run for club office or volunteer in some other capacity. Please do not approach it from the angle of what the club needs from you, but how serving the club might enhance your life as it has mine. When I first joined this group of misfits, I was in search of other people who want those noisy things to play a central role in their lives: riding them often and well, tinkering with them and making them better, reading books and magazines about them, watching YouTube channels, and listening to podcasts, talking with others about the places they've been or will go. If that's why you joined the club, then you'll get more of all of that as an officer or volunteer." Signed, Chris Keyes



This brings the MONTANA BMW RIDERS Club to the process of electing new leadership to begin those functions at the end of the current term in 2021. Organizations, even those that are quasi-social and semi-professional, such as our club function better, and are more fun and more interesting when guided by active and effective leadership. As those of you who have fulfilled these types of duties know, it is time consuming, but I believe also satisfying. Good leadership begets more member participation and activity. This past year club's turn-out at the BMW MOA Rally and the participation in the To Helena and Back ride are evidence of the benefit of active leadership.

Elections for terms starting in 2022 will be in February 2022. If you are a new member and would like to make a contribution, or a long-term member, or a past officer (no term limits) who would like to ensure the longevity of the club, 35 years and counting, please contact our Secretary-Treasurer, Dave McCormack (dhmcc@aol.com) about which, and the type of role you would like to perform. For those who are modest about their talents, recommendations by those who know of these talents are also welcome.

Editor

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Secretary - Treasure's Column - Dave McCormack



Now is a good time to renew your membership for 2022. It's still \$15 for the calendar year. Write a check to **Montana BMW Riders** and mail to MTBMWriders, C/o Dave McCormack, 18 Lonepine Trail, Hamilton, MT 59840. Beginning in 2022, we no longer will offer mailing a hardcopy of the newsletter as Dick's multiple page newsletter efforts are costing budget overruns on mailing postage. Also, 2022 is the last year the family memberships will be acknowledged. No new family memberships are offered. For 2023, the board made a decision that all riders pay the same \$15 person as everyone else.

We're entering the 4th Quarter of 2021 and I'll be glad when the year 2021 comes to an end. Maybe with any luck we'll get a fresh start on 2022 without Covid being the first thing we all talk about. On a personal note, before the whole pandemic got rolling, Sue and I did everything recommended, including distancing, hand washing, and wearing masks out in public. Still, we both got Covid and spent some quality time in the hospital. We're now vaccinated but still feel we need to be careful. That leads to a good question for the 4th quarter...if the variants of Covid are still causing illness and death, should we suspend meetings? Or, should we keep going hoping that restaurants, staffs, and our members are taking enough precautions to keep the virus at bay?

Our next two riding meetings are on schedule: **October 17th and Trixi's in Ovando** and **November 20th at Jackson Hot Springs, both at 1:00 pm**. Trixi's is a traditional favorite and this year we will meet the new owners who are looking forward to our arrival. Jackson Hot Springs is our first visit to the Big Hole Hot Springs. The Hot Springs is owned by the same family that owns Quinn's Hot Springs in Paradise, MT, so we're expecting great food and service. It was our President's pick for a challenging ride before he was recruited to Louisiana. We will expect him to be interested in how that goes. Let's hope there's a break in the weather and the fires near Chief Joseph Pass are out or under control.

Great turnout at Three Forks gathering... we had 19 souls show up at the Veteran's park where we enjoyed the usual club activity...eating, talking motorcycles, and generally having a good time getting out on a perfect weather day. Looking back over the sign in sheets for the first 3 quarters, I am happy to report that we've had stellar turnouts at all of our events and excited about next year's meeting schedule, hoping to find locales where we can include more members. The officers and staff will be working on putting next year's calendar together and you're encouraged to submit to my email (dhmcc@aol.com) suggestions for meetings. I suspect we might have a mix of restaurants and picnic meetings so the only caveat is that if you suggest a restaurant, it must be open, able to handle 15-30 riders in hopefully a separate area of the restaurant. Picnic meetings are much easier, but we learned at Three Forks that putting our club banner up in a memorial park is frowned on by locals. We'll look for city owned parks with picnic benches and restrooms close by.

Lastly, We are now short an Officer/Board Member. Chris, although still a paid up member, has exited his role as President and Mark Johnson is temporarily President until elections in February. If you know someone who you think would make a great President or Vice President and have their permission to suggest them as a candidate, please get in touch with either Mark or myself and get the ball rolling.

Dave McCormack
Secretary—Treasure
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BMW Ambassadors - Kevin and Annie Huddy



Gosh. It's October. After the Rally in Great Falls this June I lost track of summer. It arrived with a vengeance-- intense heat, and thick smoke. As I type this, it is leaving us with highs in the mid to upper 80's, and even more smoke. Sadly, I must admit to a feeling of good ride-dance.

But, it's October! And that means the beginning of the wrapping up of the schoolhouse rides, the fire tower rides, and the **Grand Coddiwomple** rides. To those out searching for fire towers, I salute you! After locating the fire tower off Stemple Pass via Ural, I thought better of that venture. To those of you out riding the BDR this summer you have my utmost respect. The heat, the smoke, and the terrain were intense.

My jam this summer was the **Grand Coddiwomple** which began back on 1 April and will finish on October 31.

The Saddle Up and Ride, plus many other varied categories have kept me on the road along with over 700 of my closest friends in the MOA. Do I expect to be listed among the finishers? Yes!

But among the top finishers? No!

However, I wish to remind you that every single photo of your adventure **MUST** be submitted no later than midnight on 31 October. If they aren't in by then, they will not be counted.

I know this because I am also a judge for this contest. Don't worry, two other individuals from the MOA, unrelated and unknown to me, will be judging my entries and tallying up my score.

Scoring of this competition will be a massive undertaking as each entry will be reviewed by volunteer judges. Anyone out there in reader land want to be a judge?

Training is free, takes an hour, and we can use your help.

We are expecting thousands of photos. We will be looking at the photos several times, there will be questions and discussions about the photos. This process may take a while, so if you are submitting, please be patient if you do not hear from us. We will do our due diligence and keep you posted...and no doubt there will be lists of winners posted in the BMW MOA ON Magazine (and in the online issue). Your photos may even appear in the magazine!

If you entered, get your photos in as soon as possible. The sooner the better, But **BEFORE** the stroke of midnight on 31 October or they just turn into pumpkins!

Let's also remember that the Montana BMW Riders is made up of talented members who volunteer their time to maintain a website (MTBMWRiders.org), produce a professional and amazing newsletter (EVERY MONTH!!), keep your dues organized and your email address current ([Please remember to check your SPAM folder](#)), arrange a meeting place and/or coordinate with restaurants to ensure we have space, service, great food, and raffle prizes, that we had two coordinators that stepped up this summer and presented fantastic options for rides in and around Helena via road, dirt, and a combination thereof, and last but not least we have a safety Mom who compiles our miles and reminds us that we can always be safer out there.

It's October. Don't waste another moment of this beautiful month, get out there and ride!

Annie Huddy



MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

Tom Moe - 33028 BMW MOA Regional Coordinator



For various reasons my motorcycle riding this summer has been very limited. I suppose some of it is the new fifth wheel and RV trips. First off sorting out a RV and new truck is very time consuming, and trips are as well. The good thing is we are having a good time with RV travel.

We just returned from a wonderful trip to Glacier National Park camping at West Glacier RV Park with my wonderful SIL and BIL. If ever in the area with a RV, it is a wonderful facility in a great area. We did not see many motorcycles in the area, and I don't recall seeing even one on Going – to-the Sun Road. It was a bit chilly and as usual very windy at Logan Pass. Going-to-the-Sun Road is certainly a tight fit for a ¾ ton crew cab pickup, only an inch shorter than the 21' limit. I folded in the mirrors to keep from scraping them on the rocky cliff side.

The road to Many Glaciers is under construction and a very rough ride, but the destination is worth it. The lodge closed two days before our visit but that was okay, we were there for the scenery not the lodge.



The BMWMOA foundation has another great fundraiser and chance to win a motorcycle. I have already bought my tickets. I will probably pick the RT when I win even though it is not the most expensive.



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

WIN THE MOTORCYCLE OF YOUR DREAMS!

One ticket! That's all it takes to win the BMW motorcycle of your dreams in the BMW MOA Foundation's "One Ticket & You Pick It" fall fundraiser. On December 18, one lucky MOA member will ride away on the grand prize - any BMW motorcycle in the 2022 lineup including the winner's choice of factory installed options.

Is the new BMW M 1000 RR your heart's desire? How about a new R 18 Transcontinental? Or, possibly you are the traditionalist and want a loaded R 1250 GS Adventure with all the goodies? Any of these can be yours when you win! But you can't win if you don't enter and time is limited.

Tickets for the One Ticket & You Pick It fundraiser are [ON SALE](#) through December 6, 2021. A winner will be announced live on December 18, 2021. You do not have to be present to win, but you must [PURCHASE A TICKET](#) to be included in the drawing. Tickets are \$25 each or buy five for \$100. All proceeds from the event benefit the rider safety, education and training initiatives of the BMW MOA Foundation.



Someone will ride away on the bike of their dreams. It could be you!

CONTEST RULES

- 1) Raffle ticket sales begin September 20, 2021 and end December 6, 2021. All ticket orders must be RECEIVED on or before December 6, 2021. Prize drawing to be held December 18, 2021. Ticket buyers do not have to be present to win.
- 2) Raffle tickets may be ordered online at BMWMOAF.ORG, by calling (864) 438-0962 or by mailing a [TICKET ORDER BLANK](#) downloaded from the website or posted in the *BMW Owners News*. You must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a ticket. Multiple ticket purchases by a single buyer are permissible.
- 3) Confirmation of ticket orders and ticket numbers will be returned via email. A complete list of ticket buyers will be published at bmwmoaf.org before the drawing on December 18, 2021.
- 4) Odds of winning depend on final number of tickets sold. Complete winners list will be posted at BMWMOAF.ORG. Winners claiming their prize must present photo identification and ticket purchase will be verified. Winners are subject to all applicable taxes. Consult your local tax professional for exact tax liability.
- 5) One Ticket & You Pick It prize options limited to new 2021 or 2022 BMW motorcycles including the C 400 GT, CE 04, F 750 GS, F 850 GS, F 850 GS Adventure, F 900 R, F 900 XR, G 310 GS, G 310 R, K 1600 B, K 1600 Grand America, K 1600 GT, K 1600 GTL, M 1000 RR, R 1250 GS, R 1250 GS Adventure, R 1250 R, R 1250 RS, R 1250 RT, R 18, R 18 Transcontinental, R 18 B, R 18 Classic, R nineT, R nineT Pure, R nineT Scrambler, R nineT Urban GS, S 1000 R, S 1000 RR, or S 1000 XR and available BMW factory installed options. The value of the chosen model and installed options may not exceed \$37,500. 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.

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- 6) BMW MOA Foundation Board members, BMW MOA and Foundation employees, contractors and their immediate families are ineligible to win. Immediate family is defined as spouse and dependent children. 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 raffle ticket and receiving a drawing number, the buyer acknowledges this limitation of liability and assumes any liability and will hold harmless the BMW MOA, BMW MOA Foundation or any affiliate for any liability resulting from the purchase of this ticket or any prize resulting therefrom.

Ride safe, keep the rubber side down.

Tom Moe



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Mileage Coordinator - Larry Banister

Okay road warriors, with the end of October, this year's official Montana BMW Rider's contest mileage contest comes to a close. With the last couple of weeks of outstanding weather, I hope you've all been doing what BMW riders do the best, "set sight on the horizon and let 'er rip!". With the great number of articles in the newsletter this summer enumerating the individual rides, club rides and the and location finding contests, I'm looking forward to a stellar mileage contest.

The spread sheet on the right, shows those of you who are "official participants" (earned by turning in your info before the beginning cut-off date). I need to hear from you **November 15th, IN WRITING** (email, snail mail, copy of your MOA contest form, etc.) **with your final mileage**. If you make that cut off, you'll be in the official entrants for this years cash awards to be announced at our Christmas party. Remember, there are three cash awards; 1) outright winner of most miles ridden during the contest period, 2) average mileage rider and, 3) a name drawn from the hat at the party (excluding the #1 and #2 winners). Thus you have a great opportunity to fluff up your "FARKLE fund" for next year, just by sending in your final mileage before November 15th.

I look forward to hearing from you and also seeing you at the Christmas party. (Know, if you can't make the party, you'll still be eligible for the cash awards assuming you get your final mileage info in to be by November 15th.)

Thanks,

Larry Banister: Mileage Contest Coordinator

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	2021 Montana BMW Riders Mileage Contest					
2	Beginning April 1, 2021-Ending October 31, 2021					
3	Name	Motorcycle	End Miles	Begin Miles	Contest Miles	Total Miles
4	Anderson, Doug	K1600GTL	0	30,347	-30,347	-30,347
5	Andreas, Jason	R1100GS		111,658	-111,658	-111,658
6	Armstrong, Gary	R1150RT	0	109,284	-109,284	
7		R1200RT	0	38,849	-38,849	-148,133
8	Banister, Larry	Triumph 800	0	16,296	-16,296	-16,296
9	Campbell, Brian	R1200RT		79,250	-79,250	-79,250
10	Coursey, Rebecca	F750GS		5,907	-5,907	-5,907
11		XT250		-	0	-5,907
12	Dauenhauer, Loren	R1250GSA		348	-348	-348
13	DiBari, John	2016 African Twin		22,589	-22,589	
14		KTM 390		150	-150	-22,739
15	Eltzey, Kerman	K75S		55,509	-55,509	
16		G650GS		13,374	-13,374	
17		R1200RT		42,934	-42,934	-98,428
18	Engelhard, Antje	Vstrom 650		11,017	-11,017	-11,017
19	French, Dick	F800GS	0	20,545	-20,545	
20		Kawi 300 Versy	0	2,651	-2,651	
21		F800GT		14,262	-14,262	
22		BMW G310GS	0	2,988	-2,988	-40,446
23	Gobeo, Bruce	R1200RT		13,292	-13,292	-13,292
24	Grahan, Carol	F650GS		38,236	-38,236	-38,236
25	Grahan, Gary	F650GS		35,557	-35,557	-35,557
26	Hall, Dean	F800GT		11,351	-11,351	-11,351
27	Huddy, Annie	17 1200GS		36,744	-36,744	
28		14 F800GS		41,970	-41,970	
29		2019 Ural		3,262	-3,262	-81,976
30	Huddy, Kevin	R1200GSA		45,762	-45,762	
31		Ural		5,386	-5,386	
32		F700GS			7,776	-43,372
33	Johnson, Mark	800GS		25,641	-25,641	-25,641
34	Kuschel, Richard	K1200RS		59,835	-59,835	
35		R90S		71,776	-71,776	
36		R60		43,437	-43,437	
37		DRZ400		12,525	-12,525	
38		BSA Star		-	0	-187,573
39	Keyes, Chris	R1200GSA		29,069	-29,069	
40		R1100RT		122,856	-122,856	-151,925
41	Lemke, Kim	R75/7	0	76,467	-76,467	
42		Enfield 535GT	0	6,880	-6,880	
43		K100RS	0	88,690	-88,690	-172,037
44	Lerum, Lance	R65		15,912	-15,912	
45		R1100R		27,249	-27,249	
46		F650GS		23,090	-23,090	
47		F700GS		8,087	-8,087	-74,338
48	Manchester, Larry	R1150RT		61,739	-61,739	
49		F650GS		21,508	-21,508	83,247
50	McCormack, Dave	17 Spyder LT		14,025	-14,025	-14,025
51	Meredith, Mike	R1200R		44,846	-44,846	-44,846
52	Moe, Thomas	R1200RT		16,215	-16,215	-16,215
53	Reaves, Chuck	R1200GS		17,447	-17,447	
54		F650GS		23,705	-23,705	-41,152
55	Smolt, Kim	800RXR		6,260	-6,260	-6,260
56	Torma, John	K1200LT		94,681	-94,681	-94,681
57	Webster, Janet	12 /spyder		8,298	-8,298	-8,298
58	Webster, John	K1200LT		56,133	-56,133	
59		KLR650		15,789	-15,789	-71,922
60	Wright, Mike	R1200GS		47,300	-47,300	-47,300
61	Total Miles of riders participating					-1691715
62	Average mileage participants/total mileage)					-52866
63	Revised 08/11/2021					
64	Winner-most miles ridden:					
65	Winner-Average miles:					



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Montana BMW Riders September Meeting - Three Forks



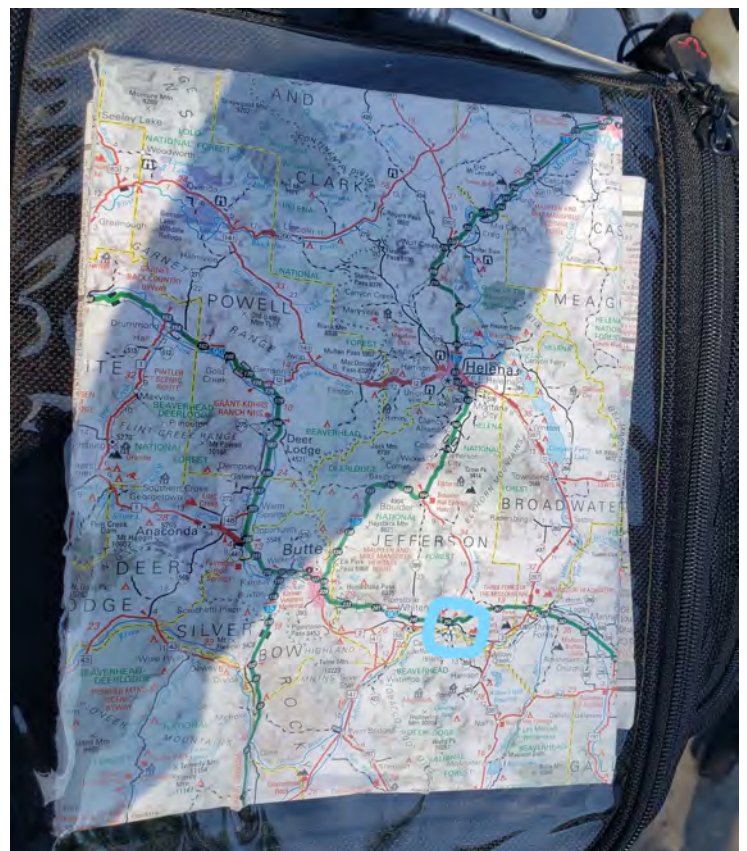
Nineteen attendees, including three guests, 15 of which rode to the Veteran's Park, adjacent to the Sacajawea Inn at Three Forks on Sunday September 26th for the Club meeting. **Lance Lerum's** guest, **Mark Natale** from Townsend arrived on a Triumph Scrambler, and guest **Jay Cowan**, Bozeman was directed to the meeting by **Mike Kreikemeier**, also from Bozeman. Mike rode in on a BMW G650 X Challenge, shown below. Ironically, a guest rider at the September meeting in Lochsa also rode the same model bike.



Lon McComas, Bozeman and Rod Ypma, Harrison discuss the virtues of Phil Haglund's R1200ST.



Kim Lemke, past president and current Club Historian, arrived on his immaculate K100RS.



Before GPS navigational system.

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Montana BMW Riders September Meeting - Three Forks (continued)



Don Davis, Townsend and Phil Haglund, Belt (actually Monarch).



From the left, Mike Meredith, Dan Mainwaring, Mark Natale (Guest), Townsend, Lance Lerum (back to camera), Lynden Clark, Kevin Huddy, Lon McComas, just visible behind Rod Ypma, Don Davis (back to camera) and Kim Lemke.



Paul Oliver, Bozeman and his BMW R80/GSPD



Ken Conrad's warm weather ride.

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Montana BMW Riders September Meeting - Three Forks (continued)



In the foreground, **Dave McCormack, LeAnne and Lynden Clark, Annie Huddy, Ken Conrad and Sandy Knutsen.** The Wheat Montana headquarters, a short distance away seemed to be the source of most the 'picnic' food.



Mark Natale's (guest) Triumph Scrambler.



Jay Cowan's (guest) and his BMW G650 XChallenge.

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New Members



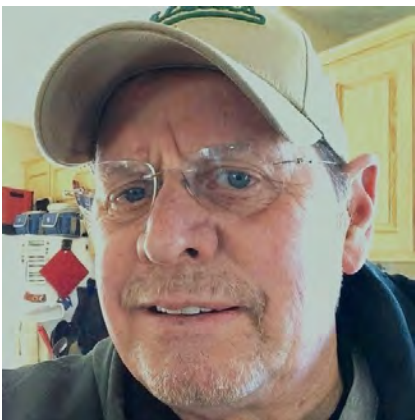
New Montana BMW Riders member **Jesse Mullen** purchased his first BMW earlier this year and joined the club shortly after. Jesse started riding six years ago, but motorcycle culture played prominently in his life while growing up in the Black Hills in Newcastle, Wyoming. As a teen he wrote and sold advertising for the Buffalo Chip campground newspaper published during the Sturgis Rally. It was during his summers working in Sturgis he decided he'd never buy a Harley.

Jesse's first bike was a 1999 Kawasaki ZRX1100 that he still regrets selling. Before buying his BMW, a 2014 GS1200, he rode a Suzuki 650 bagger with a too small gas tank. Jesse has limited adventure/dual sport experience, only riding a DR650 for a week in 2016 while on vacation in Quito, Ecuador. But he looks forward to spending more time on gravel.

Prior to COVID, Jesse and his brother Lloyd were planning a two week motorcycle ride in Colombia, they hope to re-schedule the trip in 2022.

Jesse lives with his wife and kids a few miles outside Deer Lodge along with their five dogs, three horses and a mule. His wife **Sasha** is a veterinary technician at Clark Fork Veterinary. The Mullen's own the Silver State Post, Philipsburg Mail, Bitterroot Star, and St. Maries Gazette Record newspapers as well as Browsing Bison Book Store which has locations in Deer Lodge, Philipsburg, and Stevensville.

Editor



Meet **Kerry Fee** from Livingston, Montana. Kerry, a third-generation resident of Prescott, Arizona started riding at age 15. While vacationing with his family in Oregon, his father presented him with a Yamaha 80cc Trial Bike. He gained his early skills on the trails and open lots on this machine, which cast his interest in "Trial Bike" riding.

As a teenager, he lived in Alameda, California where he finished high school, replacing the Yamaha 80cc with a Honda 90. It was also here that he continued with Trials riding. For this

he acquired a new Yamaha YT250 Trials bike that fit well with the fire breaks and fire trails in the hill east of Alameda. The Yamaha followed him to Arizona and saw extensive service there. He attributes this type of riding to enhancing skills in balance, throttle control and low speed breaking that has helped as he transitioned to adventure bikes.



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New Members (continued)

While in his 20's, the uniqueness of trial bikes led to an unusual opportunity. Trial bikes run on very low tire pressure ~ 4 psi, and to prevent the tires from slipping on the rims, fit tightly, and almost always require special tools for tire changing. For this, he took his tire and wheel to the local Honda dealer, who just happened to have an opening for a 'chaser' in the service shop. Kerry was hired. At the time, this dealer had the maintenance contract for the California Highway Patrol's motorcycle fleet in the area, the famous Kawasaki 1000 Police Special. There was always a 'test' ride after each service. Kerry drew the 'check-out' test ride duties. He remembers surprising a few motorists while confirming the Kawasaki's were up to their pursuit potential. Kerry also added a Honda CR400, purchased from this dealership, to his garage.



He set aside extensive riding to pursue making a living and raising a family. He was probably the last of the breed, working for Royal Typewriter Co., as a repair technician, or repairman as they were called then. Royal had the maintenance contract the GSA (Government Supply Agency) equipment. Consequently, he visited Federal agency facilities in the Bay Area, most notably, San Quentin State Prison.

His family roots called, and he returned to Prescott where he ran a house remodeling general contracting business for 30 years. As a reward to himself for quitting smoking at 33 years old, he became a competitive Triathlete (bike, swim and run), following that for 17 years, see the adjacent photo.

He semi-retired in 2004 and moved to Montana. His wife, Sharon earned her PhD in Nursing from the University of Tucson (Arizona) and took a position with Montana State University, Bozeman. Sharon, who has owned two BMWs, a Harley-Davidson, and a Montesa Trials bike, encouraged him to return to motorcycle riding. He did, starting with something that matched his riding experience, a Honda 110 cc Trail Bike. It was not long before the trail bike was sold to **Mike Hofferber**, and replaced with a 2020 BMW F750GS, his current ride. This has also led to rides with Mike and other members from Billings and reported elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Welcome to the MONTANA BMW RIDERS club, and we hope to see you often at our riding and social events.

Editor



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New Members - (continued)



Meet **Dan Siddens** and his wife, **Stephanie**, from Big Fork, Montana. Dan grew up in Northern California, near Fort Bragg. He started with a minibike at seven years old and has not been without a motorcycle since.

His father, an optometrist, and family lived just north of Fort Bragg near a Pacific Ocean beach. Once on the beach, a kid and minibike could ride uninhibited for hours. Good training. Somewhere in those early years, a Suzuki TS 125, and other bikes appeared. It was not long before they discovered they could ride along the edge of the surf pulling a surf boarder just offshore - as only kids would do!

Dan, as well as his wife Stephanie, were educators and are now retired. Every summer they would head to the mountains on vacation. They eventually retired in Bigfork three years ago. Dan was a chemistry and AP Chemistry teacher at a high school near Santa Cruz. Stephanie followed education administration and became a principal/superintendent of a small school district in the Santa Cruz mountains. It was not until they moved to Bigfork that they discovered an old riding buddy, **Dave Dixon** had moved to Lakeside the year before. Dave is a Montana BMW rider/member.

He has had many motorcycles, 37 at last count. BMW's are his favorite. His first BMW was an 1981 R100RS, followed by a 'K' bike, several more airheads and two GS's, an 1100 and a 1200. The last GS was sold two years ago and replaced with a KTM 790 Adventure. Recently, a Triumph Scrambler was sold to raise cash for a 2009 BMW R1200RT, owned by a lady in Arlee. He admits he was a bit intimidated by the thought of a 'large' touring bike, but this was quickly dispelled when he met the owner, a slender 70-year-old who was perfectly comfortable with her bike. He hopes he can ride it as well as she could.

Stephanie has owned and ridden a BMW R65LS, a Honda GT650 Hawk, a Moto Guzzi V7, a Yamaha TW200, a Yamaha XT225 and now, a Yamaha XT250.

One of their most memorable adventures was a motorcycle tour in the Italian Alps on a rented Moto Guzzi Stelvio . Dan has made many trips to Death Valley National Park and to Baja. Any members thinking of riding in those areas are welcome to contact him for suggestion on what to see and where to ride.

His current stable includes the 2009 BMW R1200RT, a KTM 790, a Yamaha WR250 and a Ural. You can find Dan riding some dirt with **John DiBari** as featured in September's Newsletter.

Welcome to the MONTANA BMW RIDERS club, and we hope to see you soon and often at our riding and social events.

Editor

MONTANA BMW RIDERS NEWSLETTER

Reports from the Road - Mike Hofferber



Mike

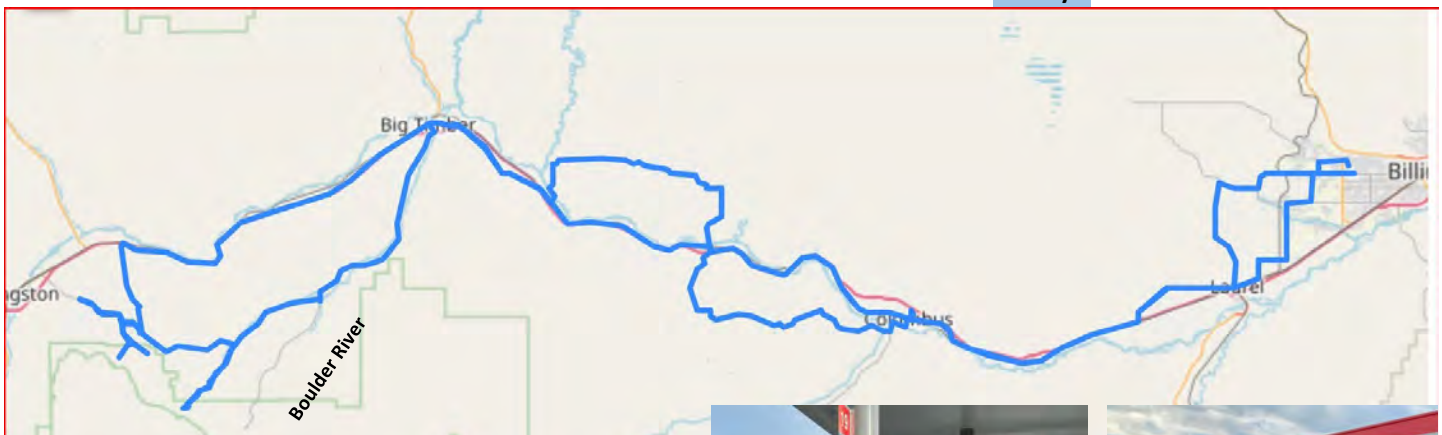
Mike Hofferber and his Suzuki DR650 found themselves headed for Livingston along with new member **Kerry Fee**, **Pat Endres** and **Bill Muldoon** on a BMW GS1150GS and decided to take the long way. Mike considers this to be his best ride of year, as attested to by the great scenery photos shown in the article.



Terry

Bill

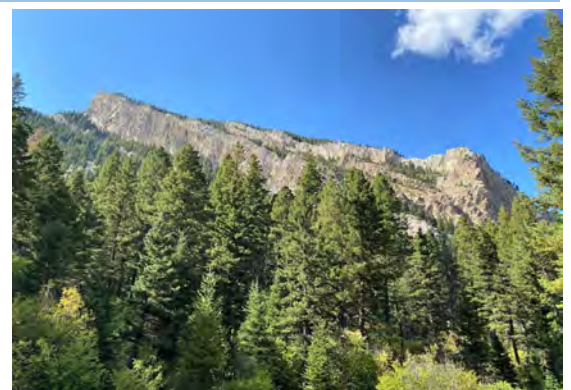
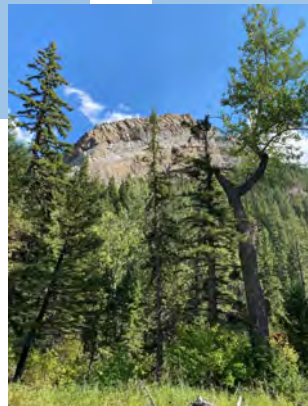
Mike



Cabin is on the West Fork of the Boulder river, south of Big Timber. **Pat Endres**, R1200GS, **Bill Muldoon**, R1150GS and **Kerry Fee** on F750GS. Photo by Mike Hofferber



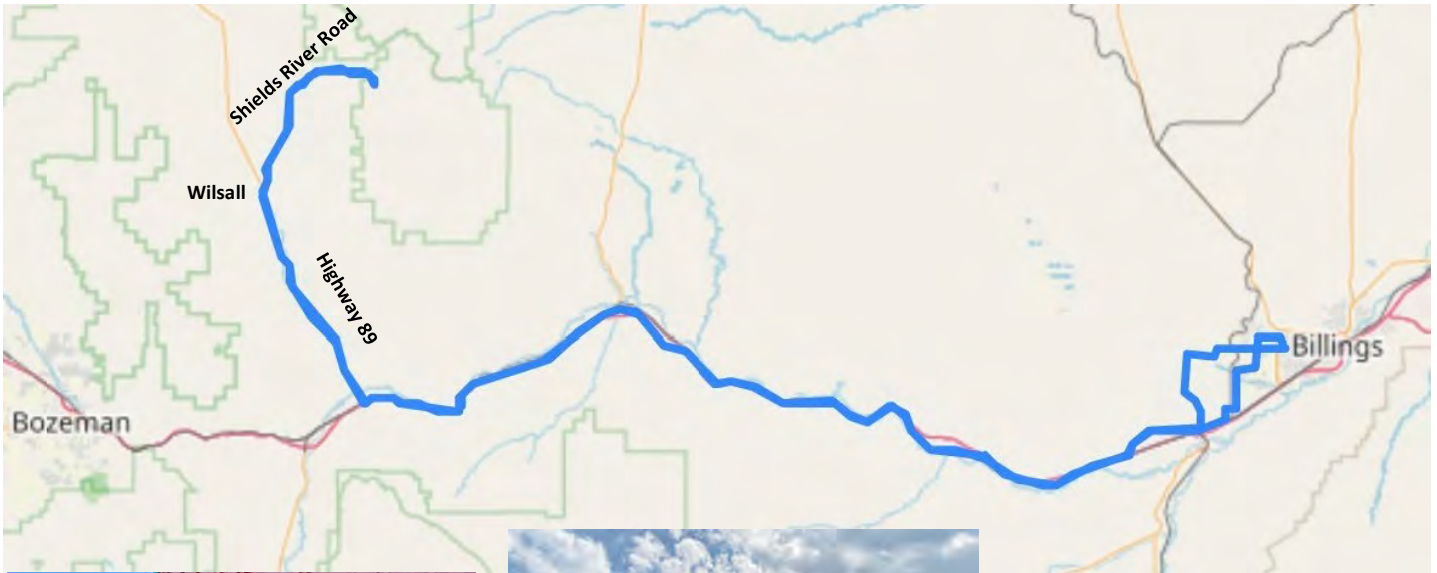
All rides start with fueling, and apparently a little map consultation. **Mike Hofferber**, **Bill Muldoon**, a riding friend of **Pat Endres**.



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SHIELDS RIVER BUST - There are good rides, and better rides. This one fit the 'good' category. High winds and an abundance of logging trucks caused **Mike**, **Pat Endres** and **Rich Bradley** to turn back before they completed their planned loop on Shields River Road.



Rich Bradley



Mike

Rich



Pat Endres

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Reports from the Road - John Webster

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The annual CMA MT Roads and Trails was held in Whitehall September 10th and 11th. Whitehall provides a base camp for some of the best rides in Montana. Twenty-seven riders of all ages took part in the road rides, 4-wheeler rides, dual sport rides, and dirt bike rides. While riding is an important part of the roads and trails weekend it is by no means the only part. We had a great time in the evenings after dinner. Everyone riding took photos and emailed them to our event I.T. person who assembled them in a power point which was shared each evening. It was fun to see everyone's adventures for the day and get some laughs.

Some of us took a couple of road rides Friday and Saturday. Friday morning found us heading East out of Whitehall on the frontage road, down the Jefferson River on old US Hwy 10, past LaHood Park and through the awesome canyon that leads past Lewis and Clark Caverns. Heading South at the Hwy 287 junction we passed Sappington Junction, motored through Harrison and with a quick water stop at Norris. From Norris we proceeded East on Hwy 84. Another great ride that follows the Madison River to four corners West of Bozeman.



At this point we turned South on Hwy 191 heading to Gallatin Gateway, and then to Big Sky for lunch at the Hungry Moose. After lunch we continued South towards West Yellowstone. Turning right on Hwy 287 heading West we spent a little time at the Quake Lake visitor's area. (See photo at left) For those not familiar with the story of Quake Lake, it was formed when an earthquake in 1959 caused a mountain to slide and block the Madison River. Continuing West we stopped in Ennis for fuel, then on to Norris and Harrison following secondary Hwy 359 back to



Whitehall. This ride is about 280 miles with only 20 being ridden twice.

Saturday found us on another ride of around another 250 miles. Leaving base camp in Whitehall we took Hwy 55 South to Hwy 41 and then through Twin Bridges. At Sheridan we found main street was closed for a car show that was full of eye candy for the motor heads. Me being one we had to stop and spend about a half hour viewing the steel treasures. Nothing like the sound of a 500+ horsepower engine with a blower and nitrous to get your blood pumping.



Mounting our trusty two-wheel steeds we proceeded on Hwy 287 to Nevada City for a photo op, and then to Virginia City with a mandatory stop at Cousins candy store. If chocolate were fuel it would be about \$500 per gallon at the candy store. But the treat for my bride is worth every penny.

From Virginia City we continued to Ennis and had lunch and Nacho Mammias Burrito shop. Well worth the stop. Only problem it is right next to Shed Horn Sports. For those into firearms this is the somewhat hidden mecca of all types of firearms at reasonable prices. It was very busy in the store and people are traveling to Ennis just to shop at Shed Horn. I guess the secret is out.

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Reports from the Road - John Webster (continued)



From Ennis two of us wanted a few more miles so we headed North on 287 to Norris. The rider with me did not go on the Friday ride so we turned East on Hwy 84 again and along the Madison River. Oh darn had to ride those twisties again. However, this time we turned North on Hwy 288 and took some great two lane through Churchill to Manhattan.

I had heard of this great road called Jackson Creek between Bozeman and Livingston that has some great views and pay attention two lane and just had to go. (See photo on left). So we blasted off East on I-90 to the Jackson Creek exit. Heading North on Jackson creek we were not disappointed. Lush green rolling fields and a beautiful view of the East side of the Bridger Mountain range. Jackson Creek intersects

with the Bridger Canyon Road. When I ride this route next time, I am going to reverse the route and start from Bridger Canyon Road and head East. More uphill this direction with less braking. Running short on time we headed back into Bozeman, fueled up in Belgrade. Then took two lane all the way back to Whitehall with another trip through the Lewis and Clark canyon but this time East to West.

Other riders had a great dual sport ride that went from Whitehall, to Pony, Milligan canyon, and North to Elkhorn ghost town by Boulder. The dual sport riders had a wonderful time and even practiced some water crossings. Some successful and some not so successful. Videos were shared during the evening sessions.

If you haven't made it to a Roads and Trails event, what are you waiting for? Start making plans for CMA Roads and Trails next year. If you want to try a 4-wheeler there are places to rent them locally, if you don't want to stay in the motel there are Airbnb rentals in town. New cabins are also being built in the Pipestone area. Campers can plug it in at the Whitehall city park for \$7.00 a night. However, bring your earplugs as the park is right on main street and a bit busy at night. There is a dump station for your RV at the at the fairgrounds when your weekend is over.

CMA will be back in Whitehall again next year and possibly have another Roads and Trails event in Northeastern MT. For information about the 2022 events visit with John Webster (jweb4040@gmail.com;) or Larry Banister. (beemermt@msn.com;))

John Webster



Some very serious planning.

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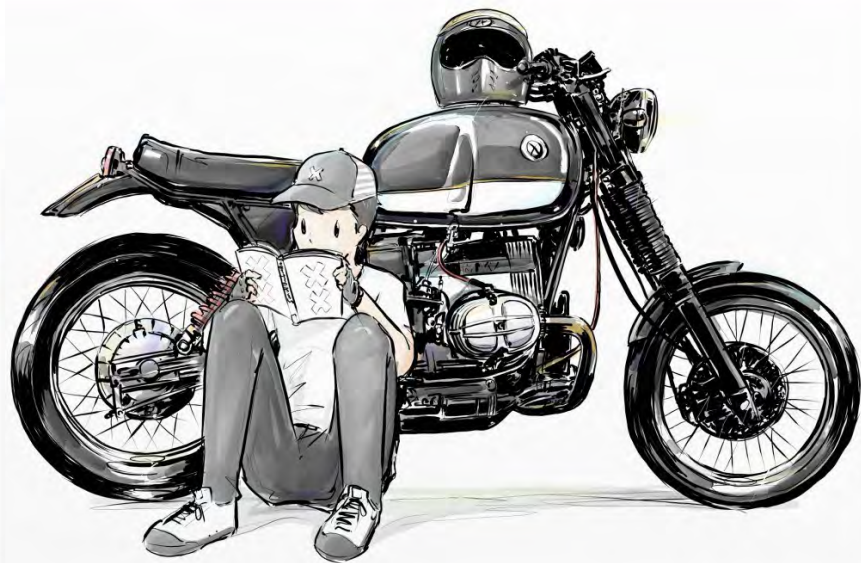
Social Media Administrator

The MONTANA BMW RIDERS Club has, courtesy **Chris Keyes**, a site on INSTAGRAM that has an address unique to the Club. We would like to take advantage of the audience both INSTAGRAM and FACEBOOK reach to promote our club, especially to some of the younger riders.

We had envisioned something similar to the FACEBOOK Site, "Senior Motorcyclist" founded by Rich Edwards for 60+ riders to share their riding adventures. Several of our current members are active on FACEBOOK and share their riding activities, always interesting to see these activities.

If any members are interested in taking on the task of managing a FACEBOOK and INSTAGRAM site representing the club, please contact **Dave McCormack**, Secretary-Treasurer at (406)370-6628 or dhmcc@aol.com.

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What's New?



Bumped into a group of Moto Guzzi riders on a four-day ride sponsored by Moto Guzzi. Moto Guzzi provided the motorcycles, with the exception of the rider facing the camera, for a fee along with a chase truck and all logistics. A bit of off road to demonstrate the bikes' abilities, but mostly pavement. At the end of the ride, the rider's fee could be applied to the purchase of the bike they rode. *Editor*

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Kim Lemke - Historian - The way it was in Octobers past.



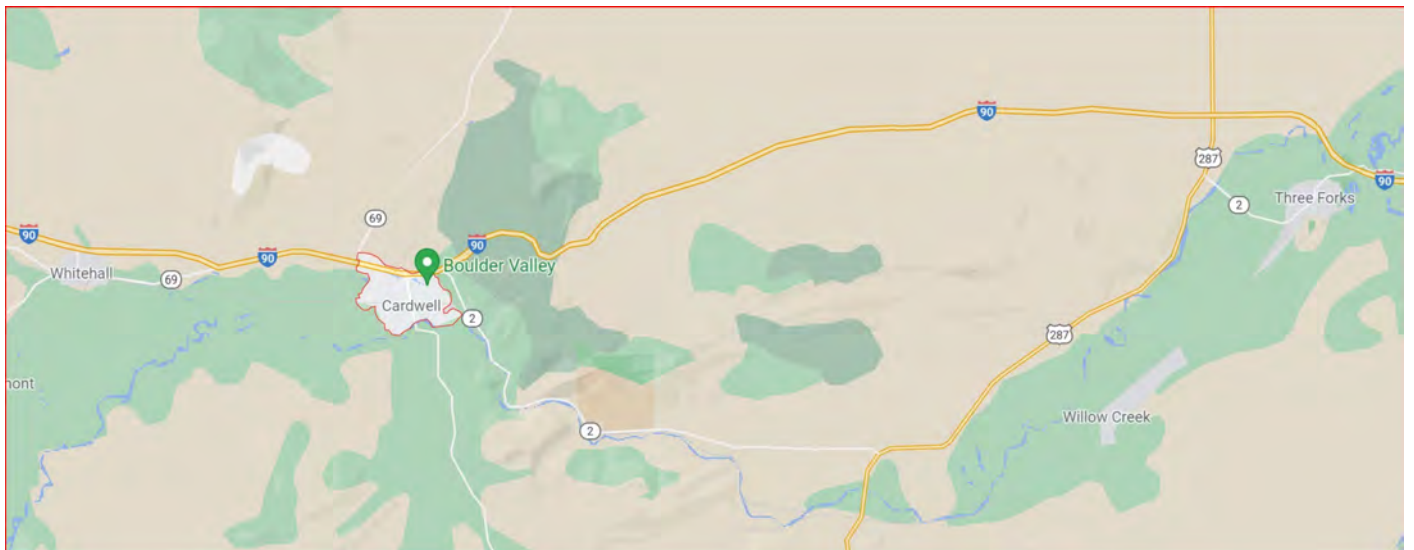
The LaHood Park Steak House, below, was an occasional destination for the MONTANA BMW RIDERS. The town of LaHood started as a stopping point for travelers and freighters that traveled between Butte and Madison County. The town is the namesake of Shadan LaHood, a Lebanese immigrant who came to Montana in 1902. He traveled the area in a covered wagon canvassing a dry goods firm. In 1909, he and his wife opened a general merchandise store where LaHood Park Steak House once stood.

The steak house burned in 2021, depriving riders of a historic destination point.

Kim Lemke



MONTANA BMW RIDERS Meeting, October 15, 2000 at the LaHood Park Steak House, Cardwell, Montana



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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
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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POSITION OPENING AT THE MONTANA BMW RIDERS

Volunteer position for a computer graphic artist or illustrator to help make advertising even more exciting in the newsletter and web site. It's also a good time to talk to businesses we like, use, or think highly of to suggest an ad in our two public outlets.

As you may suspect, businesses interested in advertising in our Newsletter have extensive experience in business but very little in the graphic arts, especially web or computer based. We think if we can offer a 'full-service' advertisement option, we may be able to attract more to our newsletter. We benefit from paid advertisements to fund our website, which as you have seen, is very informative and professional presentation of the club.

Please contact Dave McCormack, Secretary-Treasurer at (406)370-6628 or dhmcc@aol.com.



Park rangers patrolling on motorcycles, circa 1919

A photo displayed at the Visitors Center, Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone Park. Considering, when park rangers were usually mounted on horses, this was an attempt to keep up with the times. Tank shifters apparently. Interesting attire.

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Quarter Page	\$ 13.00
Business Card	\$ 10.00

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

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

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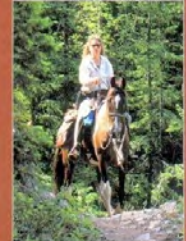
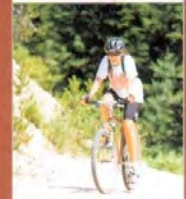
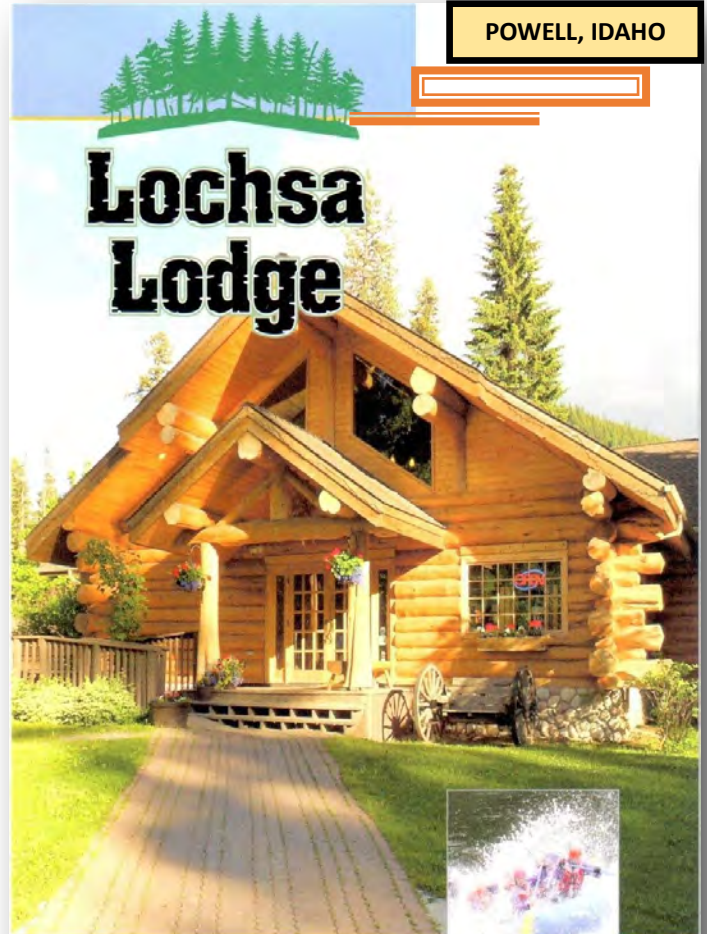
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