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Montana BMW Riders



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News from the Club

Lots of things have happened within the club the officers wanted to pass along to you including key decisions and news from around the state.

First, in a meeting with Chris Keyes just before he officially resigned, the officers made **four decisions** that are important to note:

1. Canceling the traditional **Christmas Party**, usually scheduled for December the 4th at Big Sky Motorsports. The cancellation has much to do with three issues: One was that with Covid still a concern, it did not seem worth the risk to try to do a buffet dinner in an enclosed space. More importantly, December is a tough weather month that challenges folks to make it over passes that are traditionally snowed in, worse yet, members have to travel home in the dark. Lastly, it is also clear that we are no longer a Missoula centric club. We know that there are large clusters of folks a long way off from Missoula. So we are opting for a different approach this year. The club will fund up to **\$100** to each cluster to throw its own party in their respective locations. The 5 clusters are Missoula/Bitterroot, Kalispell/White Fish/Big Fork/Polson, Helena, Bozeman, and Billings.

The Huddy's have graciously agreed to organize the Helena cluster's party. So, we are looking for volunteers to host/organize the remaining clusters. You're encouraged to step up and offer your services either in a restaurant, home, or other venue to put something together for the members in those areas. The only requirement is that invoices be sent to the Secretary/Treasurer for payment and more importantly, to take lots of pictures for the January issue of the newsletter, forwarding them to Dick French before the end of the month. Contact Dave McCormack (406-370-6628 or dhmcc@aol.com) if you're willing to accept the challenge. Or, call him to get more info.

2. We have decided that the **membership card** effort was an idea before it's time and will not be carrying that forward. If we had tons of advertisers offering significant discounts, it might have made it easier for members to identify themselves to the advertisers. But that isn't the case currently. We'll revisit the idea at a future time when it makes more sense and we're willing to spend club money on wallet sized cards and the mailing each year of same.
3. **Ride Calendar:** Discussion around the remaining meeting on the calendar and the 2022 riding season sensed that maybe we should recognize that we are always going to be victimized by the Rocky's weather patterns. Maybe Jackson Hot Springs in November might have been wishful thinking. It will remain on the calendar, however, with hopes that fires will be out, roads open and no snow on the ground for the Jackson Hot Springs meeting.

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Many of our traditional places may come back into next year's calendar, like Wisdom, Echo Lake Café, Double Arrow Lodge, Lincoln, Trixi's and other favorites. It could very well be that Covid, staff shortages and no indoor seating may drift into the riding season as obstacles, and we will need to be watchful for those changes. In the meantime, we could continue to have a smattering of "picnic" meetings in places where weather, Covid or other factors have deep sixed a scheduled meeting. And, we might add in places that would not ordinarily be considered a great venue, like Hauser Lake. We expect to deliver the Ride Calendar in time for the January Newsletter. New venues or ideas are welcome.

4. **Elections:** Mark Johnson has agreed to step into the President's role until the end of 2022. Dave McCormack will continue as Secretary Treasurer until the end of 2022. We are looking for a volunteer to act as a board member through the end of 2022 so that we have a three person voting bloc (a by-laws requirement) to ensure fair decision making on behalf of the club. The next elections are now scheduled for February of 2023 for all three Officer positions. Staggering terms of office was discarded as an idea because we didn't want to have an election every year, but rather as the by-laws stipulate, officers are elected for two year terms and elections should be on a two year schedule. This should give the club time to put an election together that will better serve the club.

Other news:

Trixi's meeting in Ovando turned out 21 souls, most on bikes. In general, even with Covid we averaged about



15% attendance at each of our meetings on the schedule. Thanks to all for making the effort and we will hopefully see you at Jackson Hot Springs on November 20th, Saturday at 1:00pm.

Dues:

Dues are coming due as of January 1st, 2022. We have traditionally given current members until March 31st to get their money in. But, getting them in early, like now, gets you all set for all the great club events beginning in January. Write a check and get 'er done. It's the best \$15 you can spend. Write the check to Montana BMW Riders and send to **MTBMWRiders, C/o Dave McCormack, 18 Lonepine Trail, Hamilton, MT 59840.**



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BMW Ambassadors - Kevin and Annie Huddy



Last week I was coming back from town in my car on a beautiful Fall Day.

As I arrived at the three way stop, at the “T” intersection of Green Meadow and Sierra Road right by the large Baptist Church—many of you may know this intersection and travel it regularly. I did indeed notice the helmeted rider and beautiful motorcycle to my right. There were no vehicles to my left, I checked twice.

The rider began his left turn in front of me. He had the right of way. It was at that moment that my appreciation for the smooth launch of the motorcycle turned abruptly to horror. A late model silver Nissan Rogue blew through the sign doing about 60-65 mph. The motorcyclist did a hard brake, got his left foot down, and kept the bike from falling. The Silver Nissan never even slowed or braked.

I remember bringing both of my hands to my face and my mouth opening in a silent scream as I watched what would surely have been a horrific accident, unfurled in front of me, in less than three seconds.

The rider and I made eye contact but no words were exchanged. He sat for a moment and gathered himself. Other than what I imagined was his racing heart (or was that mine?), he seemed alright. I still do not know who the rider is, but he had a very white full mustache. His reactions were quick and good. He saved himself. I thought he must have had some excellent training.

Then I went after the silver Nissan. All I wanted was a license tag number. Getting close enough to get that I also laid on my horn until he turned right onto another street and pulled over. As I rolled down my window, so did the other driver. He was a male in his mid 40’s, there was a blonde high school aged daughter in the passenger front seat. There were no pleasantries exchanged.

I immediately pointed out he had a run the stop sign, his response “Oh, yeah, sorry, just told my daughter I ran it.” I also asked if he had seen the motorcyclist?

His response was a blank stare and ...crickets. The girl also had no reaction. The man repeated, “Sorry, I’m sorry.”

I felt, and stated, that I thought he wasn’t sorry at all, then I drove off as did he. From the time I pulled up to the stop sign to the end of the conversation was less than two minutes.

TWO MINUTES. The entire event left me shaken, I cannot imagine how that motorcyclist must have felt.

Several things come to mind here.

First, it was definitely my impression that the Nissan driver really DID NOT care that he had nearly killed someone, second that this was not the first (nor will it be the last) time he had run that stop sign, and third if he is the one teaching his daughter to drive, then she will be just like him.

And I can honestly say, in this day and age, that I probably should not have gone after the driver of the Nissan. I can only hope that my words struck a chord with either the driver or the daughter and they will have a conversation about the event.

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This could have been a deadly event. I would have been the witness or seriously injured myself as I sat in my car. Truly, I was amazed at how quickly this all unfolded ,right in front of me. It could have been any one of us on that bike. It could have been someone we know or love.

If you think your skills need brushing up either on a bike or driving a car, please, please take a refresher class. I don't want to be a witness.

Annie

Editor's Note: Several years ago, Annie provided an article by John Sullivan, a Royal Air Force pilot, an avid cyclist and a frequent motorcyclist. His article extrapolated his aircraft flight training to situations encountered riding bicycles and motorcycles. Specifically, he related a person's response to the physical limitations of our visual system to 'see' or focus on an object, which may pose a threat. I have practiced his recommendations, and found I was missing many visual cues, simply by not allowing time (milliseconds) for the visual mechanics of my body to work. The article is included as an attachment to this newsletter.

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Reports from the Road - John DiBari

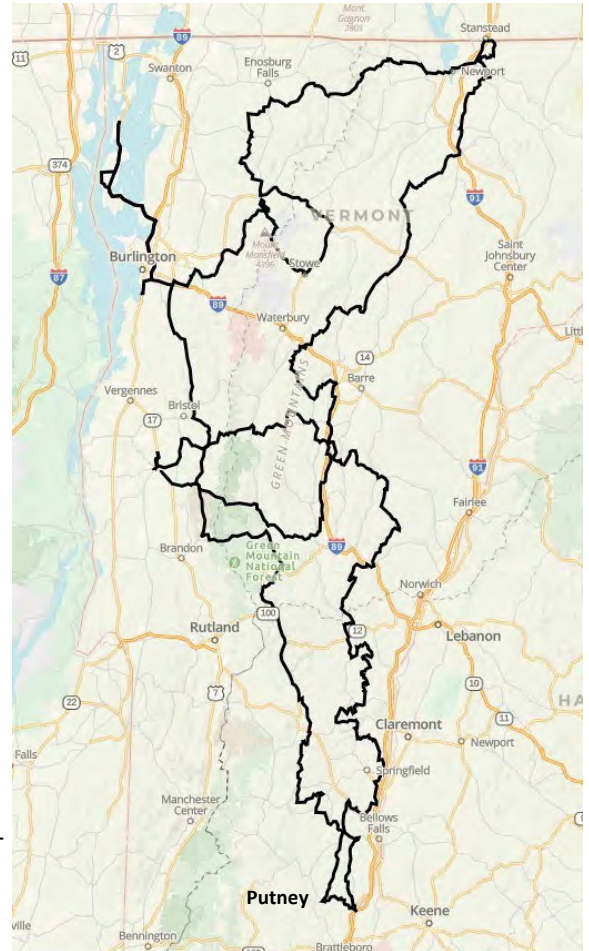


John DiBari

I rented a Yamaha Tenere 700 from MotoVermont (<https://www.motovermont.com/>) and rode a modified version of what the BMW MOV (Motorcycle Owners of Vermont, <https://bmwmov.club/>) called the Puppy Dog Route (PDR). The full PDR goes from Greenfield, MA to Derby Line, VT. I picked it up in Putney, VT (about 18 miles north of the MA/VT border) and rode north, with a side visit to Middlebury, VT where my son goes to college, to Derby Line on the border with Canada. The route is a good mix of paved and unpaved roads, though mostly unpaved. The riding is smooth, as dirt roads in Vermont (except for the Class 4 unmaintained roads) are mostly better than anything paved we have here in Montana. The fall colors were stunning; it was an amazing ride. The Vermont countryside and the little towns were beautiful. Lots of big white churches and country stores.



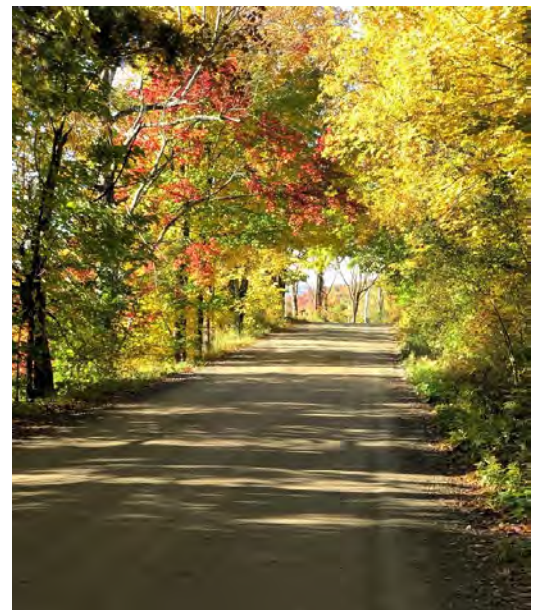
I went through 8 covered bridges, and saw lots of turkeys and cows, mostly dairy, of course. The map of my ride -- 793.3 miles over 4 days -- includes the PDR, and my route from Burlington to Putney and from Derby Line back to Burlington, with a side trip to the Champlain Islands.



In the future, I hope to ride the NEBDR, which runs 1,317 miles from Hancock, NY to the border with Canada in New Hampshire. The NEBDR includes more technical riding on Class 4 roads, so I look forward to finding another victim, I mean rider, to do that with.

And for those curious about the Tenere 700. It was a nice bike to ride. It handled well on and off pavement (it was outfitted with Mitas E07 tires). It is a very light feeling motorcycle (spec is 452 lbs.) with plenty of low-end power and the ability to do highway speeds comfortably (65 mph in Vermont). Like all bikes, it has some idiosyncrasies, but nothing that would be a deal breaker if one was inclined to buy one. There are antilock brakes, which are easy to turn off, and no traction control to have to fiddle with. The bike seems well suited to rigorous adventure riding with minimal additional outfitting.

John DiBari



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Montana BMW Riders October Meeting - Trixis - Ovando



TRIXI'S ANTLER BAR AND SALOON, Ovando is a mainstay for the MONTANA BMW RIDERS, and it didn't disappoint us this year. Twenty-one attendees, made up of eighteen members, three guests. Of the total 17 were riders.

Two members, and riders were with the group in spirit, but opted to bypass the formal meeting in view of COVID concerns. **Carol and Gray Graham** rode the Bonner—Ovando-Helmville—Drummond loop.



Guest **Stan Malone** from Atlanta, Georgia and **Will Cordes**, Missoula with their host, **Greg Hintz**.



Kim Lemke with **Dan Siddens**, Big Fork in the foreground. Starting on the right at the second table, **John Wing**, **Mike Meredith**, **Kevin Huddy** and **Annie Huddy**.



Trixi McCormick, the original owner of the TRIXI'S ANTLER BAR AND SALOON, moved to Hamilton from Missouri with her parents and siblings in the early 1900's. It is not clear why, but learned trick roping and riding early in her life. This led to a life in the entertainment industry performing as "The Cowgirl from Montana" until she opened the current establishment in 1960. It was a destination place for locals and visitors. She returned to Hamilton in 1980.

Other attendees



Lynden Clark



Lynn Springer



Mike Meredith

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Dean Hall



Mark Ellzey



Mick Baughman



Larry Manchester, Dean Hall (back to camera) and Chad Householder. In the foreground, the mini Beemer trying to fit in with the big boys.

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More attendees



Larry Manchester



Paul Smietanka, the Moto Guzzi guy!



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Three Wheeler - Ken Conrad

Zundapp—1942



Years produced:	1940-1948
Total production:	18,695
Claimed power:	26hp @ 4,000rpm
Top speed:	60mph (approx.)
Engine type:	751cc overhead valve, air-cooled opposed twin (w/cylinders lifted 5 degrees for additional ground clearance)
Weight:	420kg (926lb)
MPG:	36

Ken Conrad offered this YouTube link (<https://youtu.be/oKoPg3-IrVM>) to a back yard mechanic, of some determination, if not skill in 'making' a motorcycle. I think you will enjoy it. One of our members, Phil Haglund's first motorcycle was homebuilt powered by the Briggs and Stratton from his mother's discarded ringer washing machine. Note, Phil is one of the more 'senior' members.

Perhaps you will indulge me as I reminisce about some of my travels. As an addicted gearhead, while my travel companions are taking in the historic sights and the culture, I am seeking out anything with wheels. Below are a few, homebuilt, or at best, side street manufactured, of some three wheelers in Beijing, China in 2011. - *Editor*



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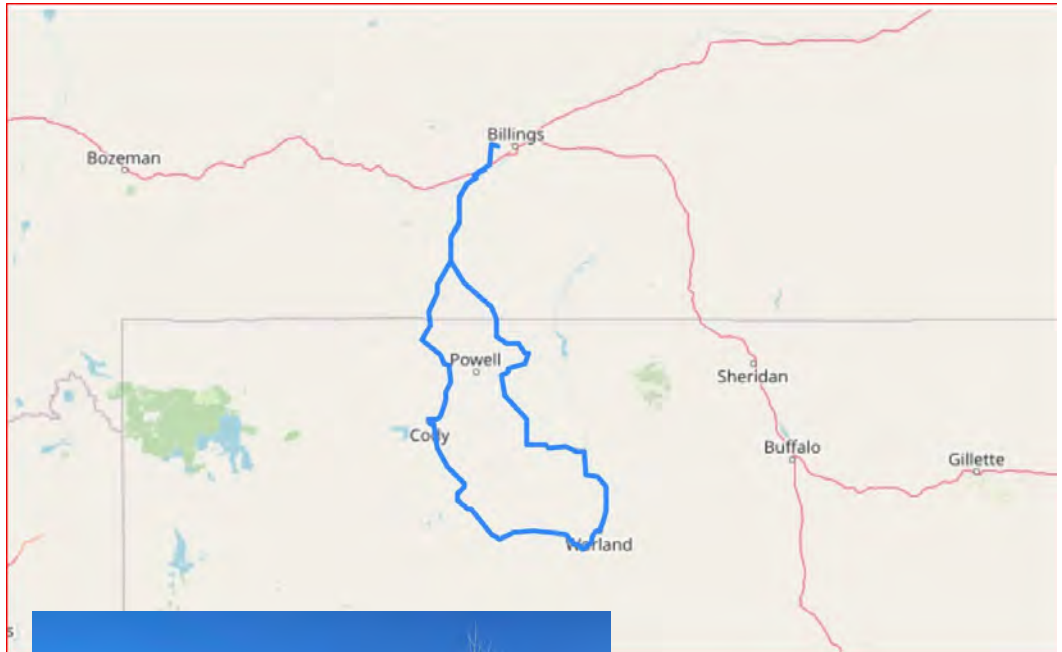
Reports from the Road - Mike Hofferber



Mike

Mike Hofferber, Billings keeps the local BMW riders on the road. This ride, a 153 mile loop into Wyoming, with the appropriate lunch stops, on a crystal clear fall day. One of those days riders live for. **Pat Endres** on a BMW K1100, **Gary Armstrong** on a BMW R1200RT and Mike on a BMW R100R.

Editor



Gary Armstrong is the fellow behind the helmet in the photo above.



Pat Endres

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Reports from the Road - Mike Hofferber (continued)

The fall weather has been good to the Club members in Billings, as the photos attest. **Pat Endres, Mike Hofferber, Gary Armstrong and Rich Bradley** made a quick loop through Hardin to the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area.



Pat Endres and Gary Armstrong downstream of the Yellowtail Dam. Rich Bradley's Ducati in the foreground.



Yellowtail Dam on the Bighorn River near Fort Smith.



From the left, Rich Bradley, Mike Hofferber and Pat Endres.



Yellowtail Afterbay Dam

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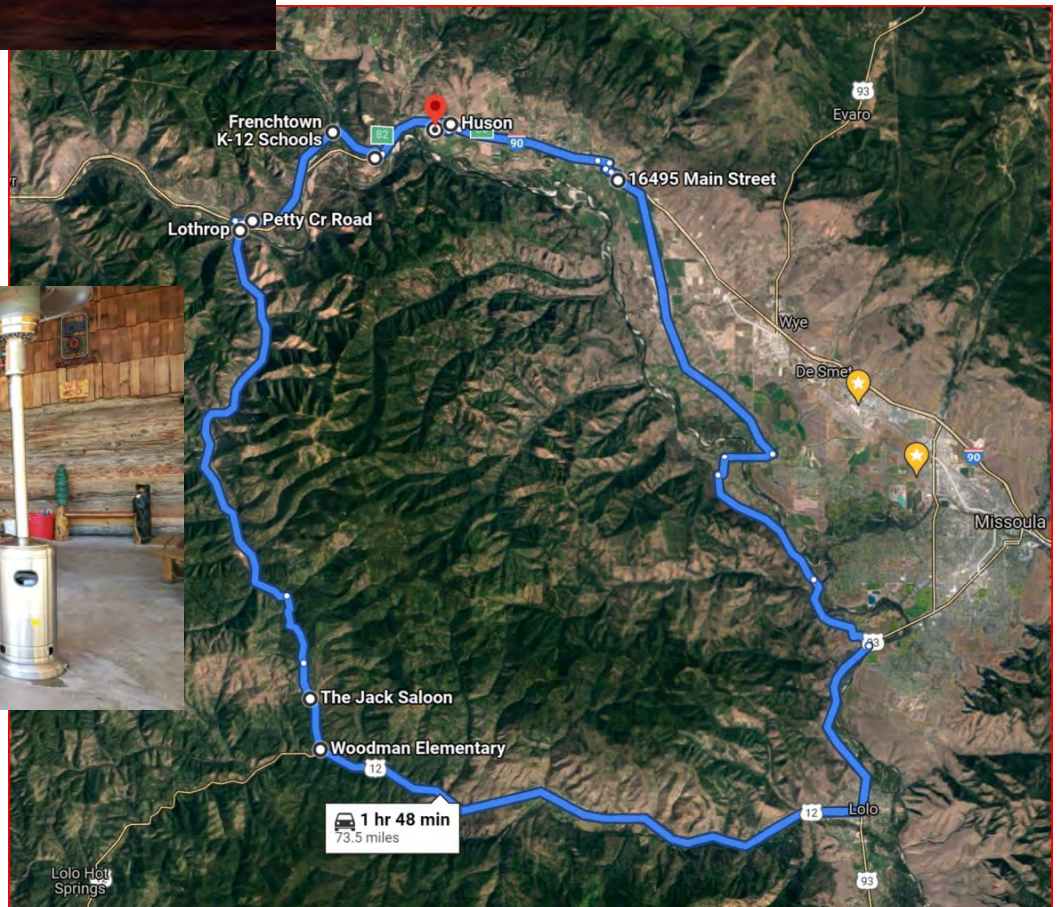
Reports from the Road - Editor

When the fall riding days become shorter, although spectacularly rewarding, the Missoula crowd may want to consider a Lothrop (Alberton) ride to Highway 12 via way of Petty Creek Road. Paved part of the way with a Winnebago Class A gravel section for the final leg.

Be sure to allow time for a stop at Jack Saloon, A.K.A. The Lumberjack, a few miles short of Highway 12 for lunch on the covered, and also heated deck.



When the 'GS' rider (Kim Smolt) wants to hit the dirt, the 'RT' rider (Brian Campbell) becomes the 'chase car' driver, along with a camera shy dog.



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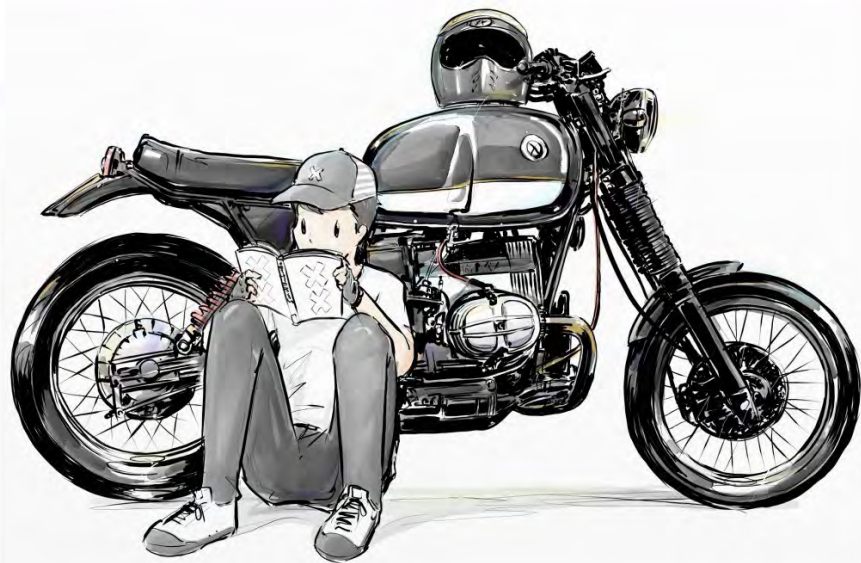
Social Media Administrator

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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Reports from the Road



Rebecca Coursey, Bozeman has made 2021 the year to sharpen her off-road riding skills. She completed the off-road course conducted in conjunction with the BMW MOA Rally in Great Falls; completed an off-road riding course in Moab, Utah; rode with a group on an Idaho BDR ride, and most recently completed a four-day-women-only course sponsored by West38Moto.

The course, conducted in the area near Ouray, Colorado, focused on some of the details of building confidence in off-road riding, especially those which may be of concern for female riders. For example, lifting a fallen bike. Rebecca reports that mastering this task has strengthened her confidence level tremendously. Training exercises

included long sessions of tight slow speed turns, numerous cone exercises and stopping-starting on a hill, and how to turn your bike around to descend a hill too steep to continue.

Rebecca's persistence in training and skills enhancement are in preparation for a four-week guided tour of Chile in January 2022. Her BMW F750GS is in San Antonio, Texas and will be freighted out to Chile on November 26, along with the bikes of the other participants in the tour. I am looking forward to her sharing her experiences with us upon her return. *Editor*



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Kim Lemke - Historian .



From the Archives:

President Ken Conrad was unable to attend Oct 1999 meeting at Isaak Walton Inn, Essex, Montana due to Motorcycle Safety Fall meeting in Helena. 16 Members did brave the 'marginal weather". The Nov '99 meeting was scheduled for the 21st at Deer Lodge.

November 2000 , Ken reported that the October meeting at LaHood was well attended with 30 members. Ken also noted a mural on the underside of the next-door hotel canopy. Painted in 1929, it depicted the route from Minneapolis to Seattle. Unfortunately, it was soon lost when the Hotel burned down and as mentioned last month, the Restaurant is now gone as well.

The November 2000, meeting was at AVON (photo to right), Carmine Mobray's RS, Karen Iverson, Carmine Mobray, Jim Iverson and a mystery man.

Kim Lemke



Where in Montana?

In my 35 years with the MONTANA BMW RIDERS club, I have accumulated many photos, of which the identity of too many have been lost. Some, however are still cataloged, at least for location. Each month, for the balance of the winter, I will post a photo from past events or rides, some with riders, some such as the one below, simply a motorcycle. Your challenge is to try and identify the location, in Montana. **Location only**, or even the vicinity. I am relatively sure the photos I will present were taken by past members, or by current members. The photos are from across the State, so regardless of your location—east, west, north or south— they may be from your area.

When I am able to validate the accuracy of the response, I will post it in a future Newsletter, or on the website as applicable, and if possible, the story behind the photo - Who? Where? When?

The photo on the right, is the first of the series.

I believe it is in the eastern part of the state.

Please send your answers to Kim Lemke

(lemkemt@live.com).

If you have photos from the past that could be included, please send them to me at the email show previously.

Kim Lemke



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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	The club will fund up to \$100 to each cluster to throw its own party in their respective locations. The 5 clusters are <u>Missoula/ Bitterroot</u> ; <u>Kalispell/White Fish/Big Fork/Polson</u> ; <u>Helena, Bozeman, and Billings.</u>					
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.

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Quarter Page	\$ 50.00
Business Card	\$ 25.00

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

Montana BMW Riders does not provide artwork services.

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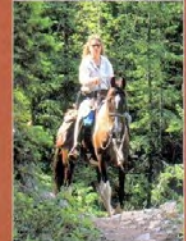
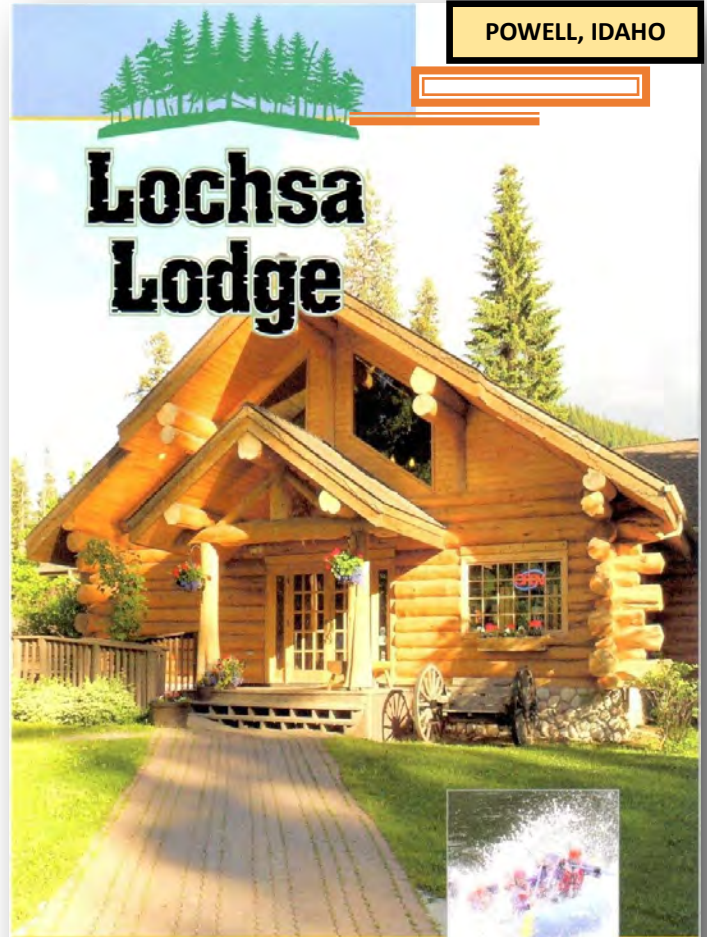
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